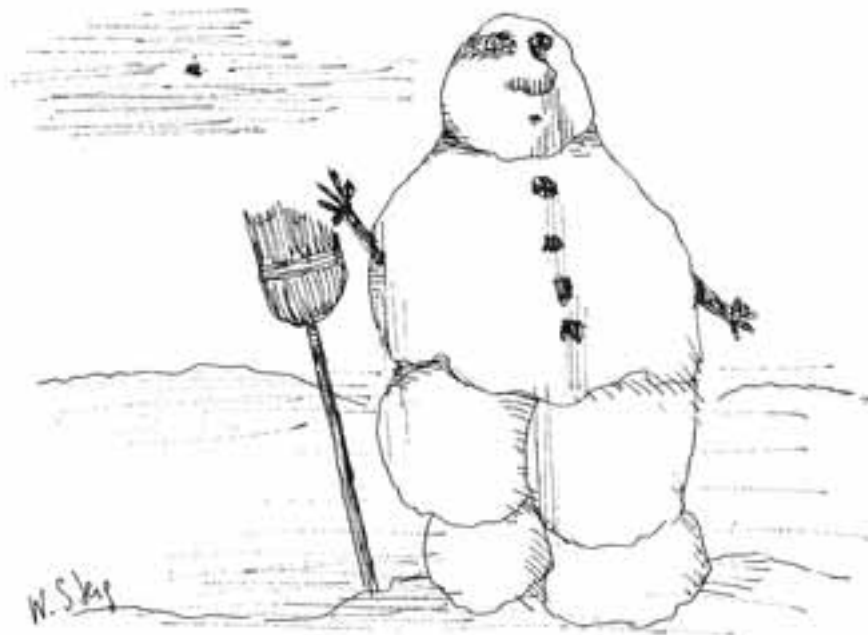




"You know how I always scrawl in the margin 'Check this with Harold'? This is Harold."



The Snowman Realizes Who He Is





"It's hard to believe that such a dull bunch could make all this mess."



“One of you boys go help Mom with the groceries.”



"All those in favor of hollering uncle, say 'Aye.'"



"I divorce thee, I divorce thee, I divorce thee. And I divorce thee, I divorce thee, I divorce thee. Also I divorce thee, I divorce thee, I divorce thee. And you, too, I divorce thee, I divorce thee, I divorce . . ."



"We rather fancy this little novel of yours, Brown. Would you consider one million six up front for it?"





"Seventy-something, isn't it?"

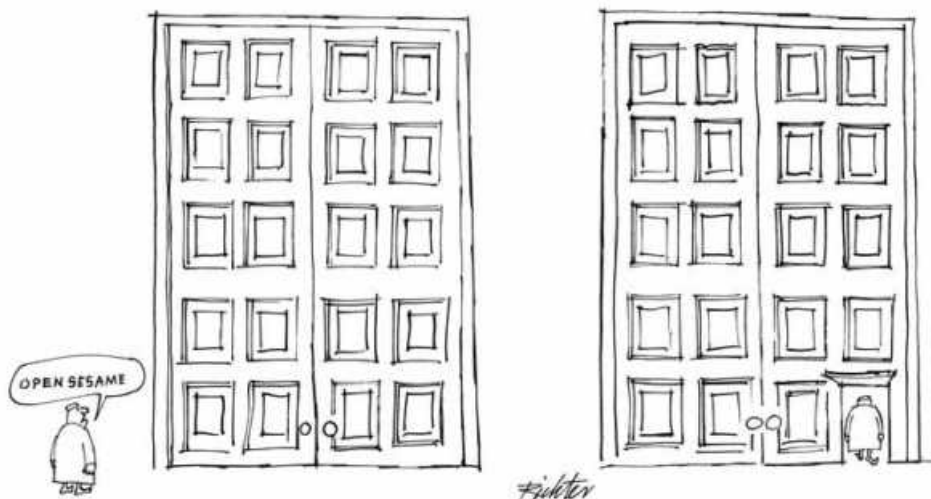




“What am I driving these days? I’m driving a sensible yet adequate fuel-saver these days. What are you driving these days?”



"Of course, right now it's only up and down, but we're working on the somersault."







"She's not here. She's at fine stores everywhere."



"I'll have the businessman's lunch."



"Oh, and for what it's worth, Robinson, you're fired."



“Over here, dammit! I haven’t got time for the waiting game.”

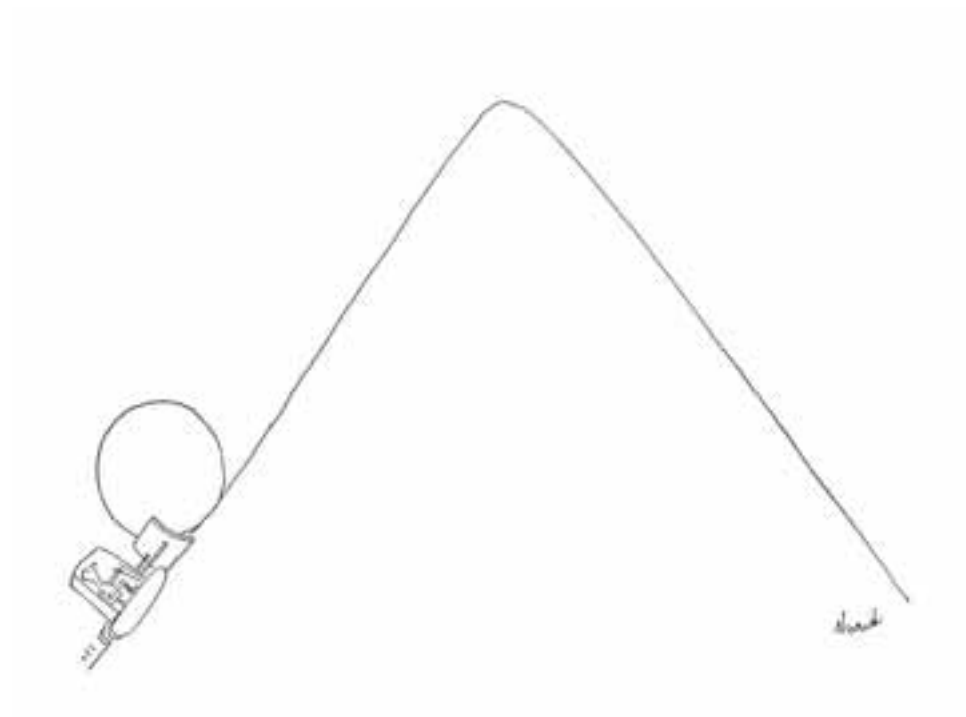




"I guess it's just one of those days when nobody has any dirty clothes."



A Great Hue and Cry







“Not a damn thing on the tube tonight. What’s on the telephone?”



“When I left this morning, she said ‘Have a good day,’ and I am having a good day.”



"That's one of Sedgewick's perks."



"In the first place, no!"



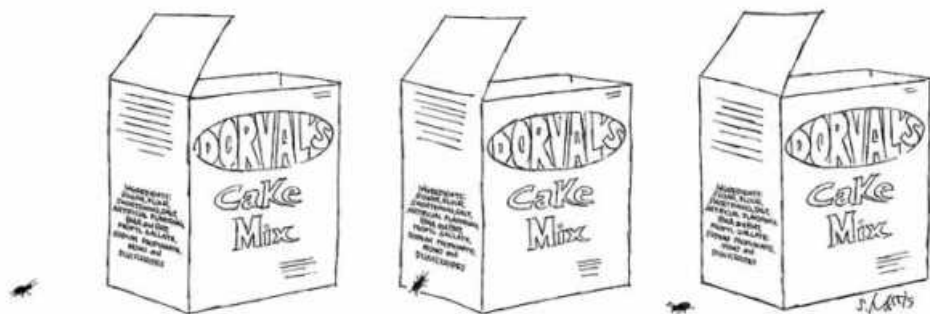
“Have you got something a little more . . . hard-nosed?”



*“We ripped down the old ceiling and exposed the beams.
We chipped all the plaster off the walls and treated the bricks.
After that, we scraped down and refinished the floors. Then
one evening we were just sitting here, when for some reason
we let it all hang out and decided to get divorced.”*



“Making a mess. What are you doing?”





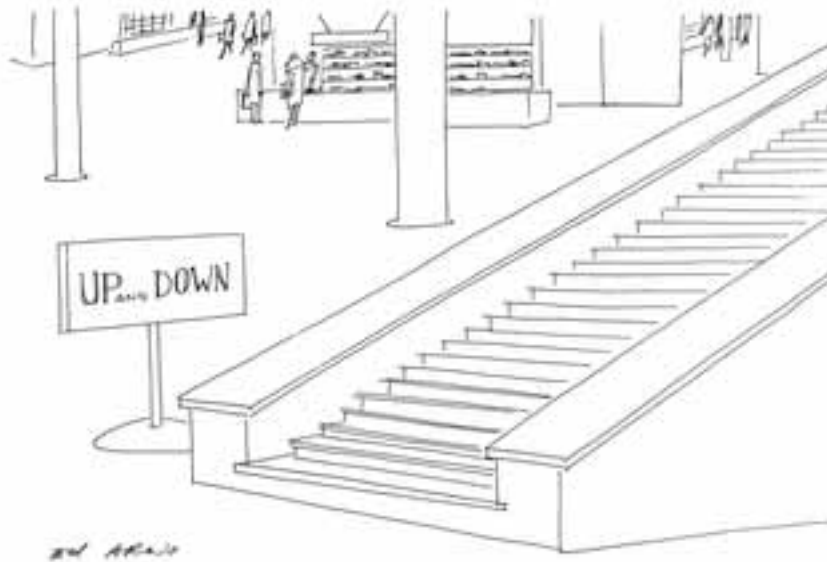
"Oh, all right. Kitchy-kitchy-koo."



*"You fellas are going to be in charge of letting me know
if I ever stop playing by the rules."*



"Say hi to the famous Mona Lisa."







*"What a wife! Night after night, she sits there
and reads the sports page to him."*



*“The local forecast calls for dropping temperatures, snow flurries,
and a few loud bangs off the coast of New Jersey.”*



*"I must say I find it somewhat difficult to adjust here.
I was always a very physical person."*



“Carolyn, je t’aime.”

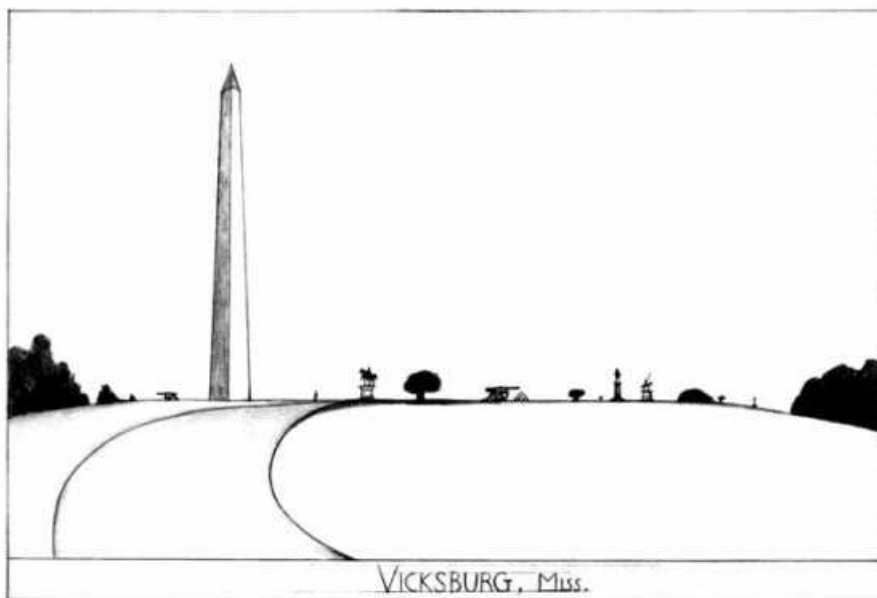


"Harvey fictionalizes my every word and deed."

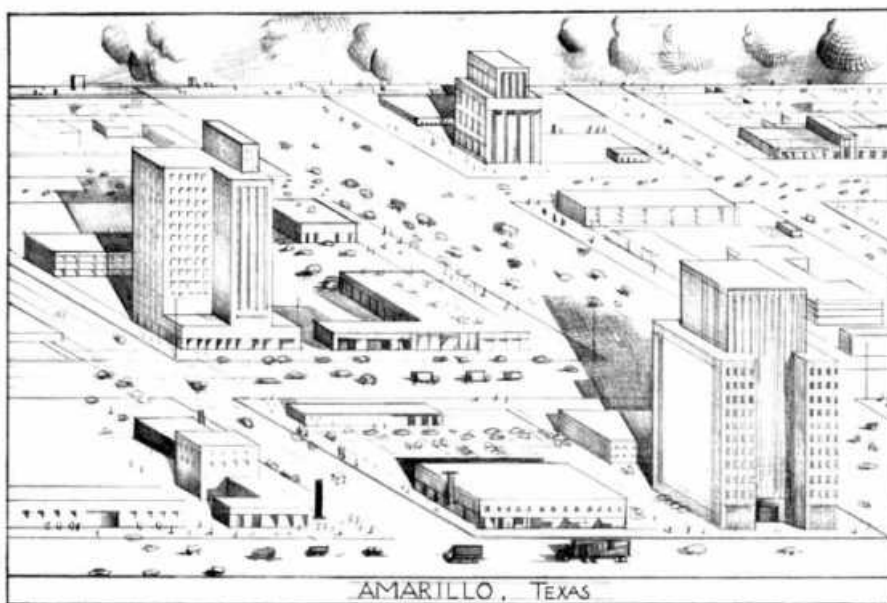


“Unmitigated gall. I like that in a man.”

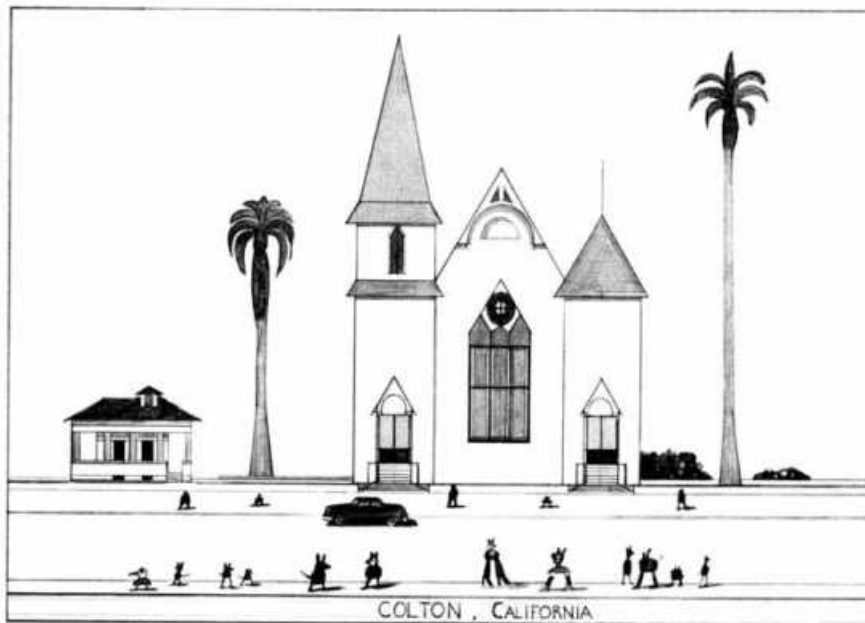
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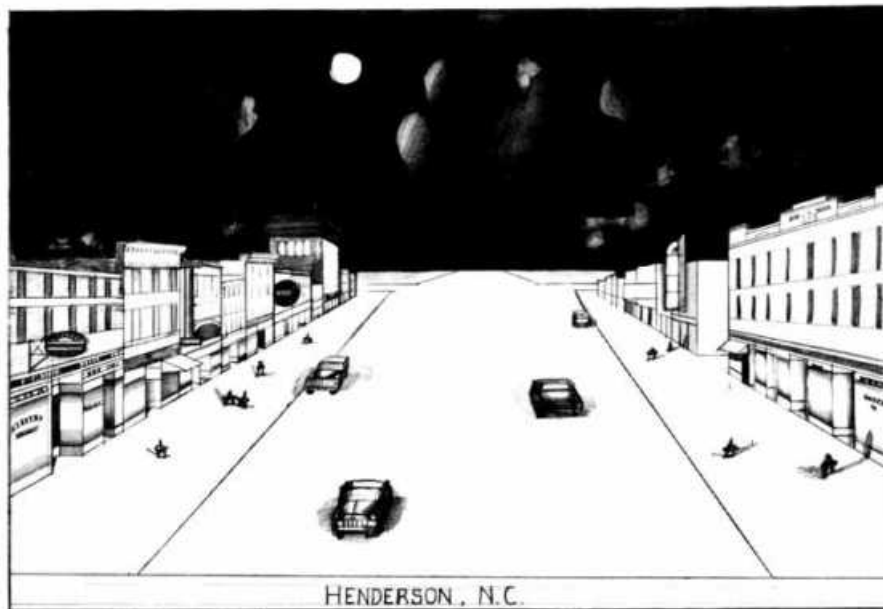
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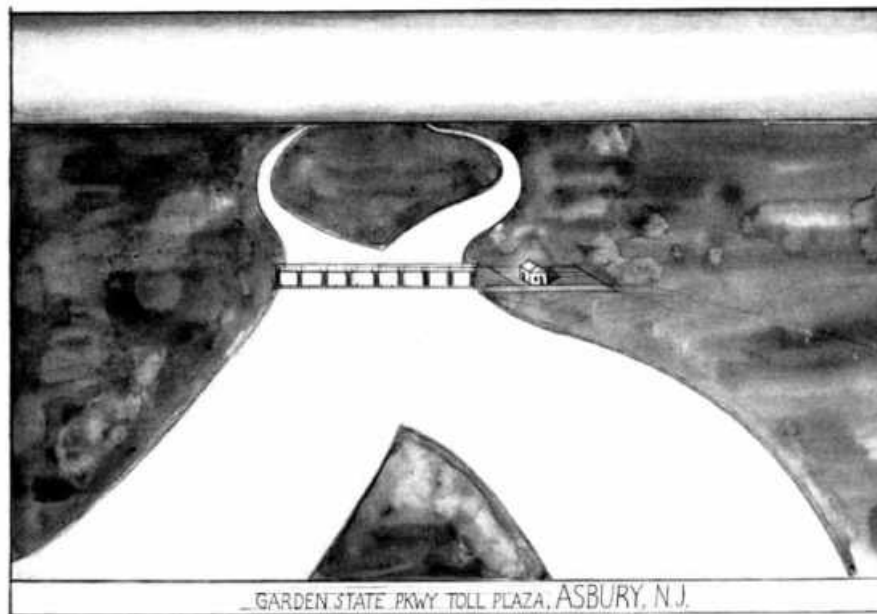
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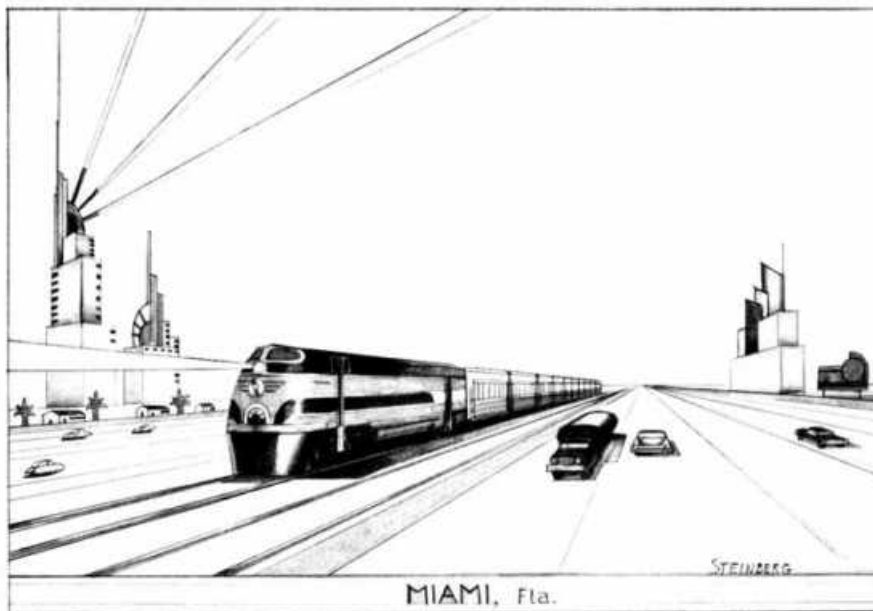
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*"I've been all over this galaxy, and, take it from me,
Earth makes the best popcorn."*



“I think you two may hit it off. Craig, here, is an attractive male academic in his early forties who seeks a warm, vivacious woman delighting in conversation, arts, and nature for an evolving romantic commitment, possibly marriage, while you, Vivian, are a good-looking, intelligent, stimulating woman in her late thirties who seeks an educated, unattached, well-bred man concerned with ideas, culture, and the environment with whom to share your life interests and companionship.”



“‘Quiet enjoyment.’ It’s in our lease.”





*"Damn it, Lou, you're a lousy organizer and a lousy criminal.
Why don't ya get the hell out of organized crime?"*



"I rely on Ramsey for basic schmalz."



“Good morning. Smith, Shoemaker, Keller, Banbury, Scalzoni, Hawkins, Burns & Westfield. None of the aforementioned speaking.”





“Hard to believe, isn’t it? Super Bowl XII now belongs to the ages.”



Home



"This doesn't look like the 'Trib' to me!"





*"I suppose this means the usual communiqué: A full
and frank exchange of views."*



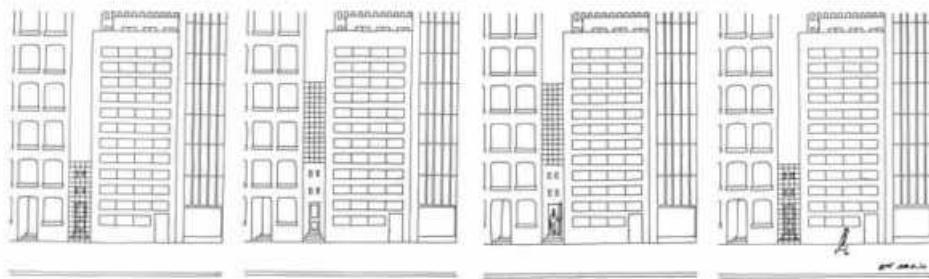
"Read me."



*"Could you wait for a few minutes, Mr. Graham?
Mr. Dilworth is psyching himself up to see you."*



"Oh, sure, I love Bruce and all. But we have conflicting diets."

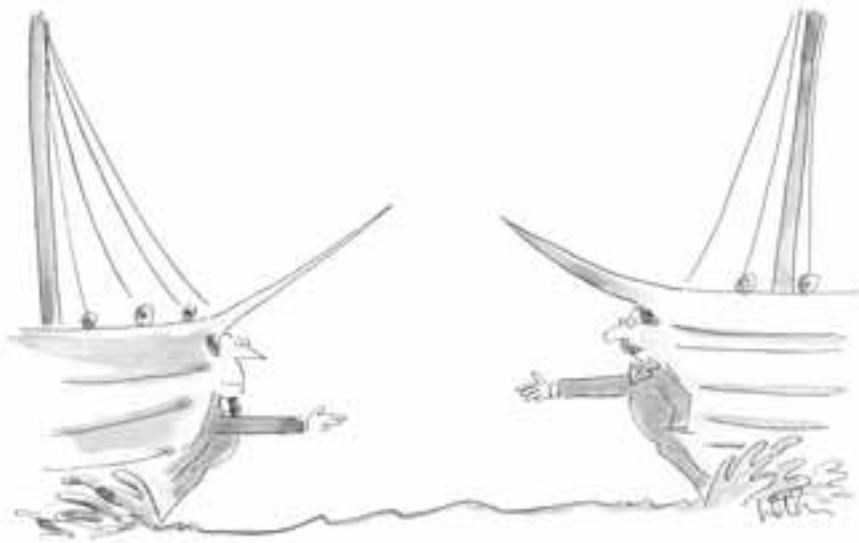




"I'm sick of the whole approach. Just tell the public we're cold and aloof and we make a goddam good carburetor."



“Crippling local, state, and federal rules and regulations have made criminals out of many a small businessman, Ma’am.”







“Whereas, pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 411, of the New York State Civil Practice Law, the party of the first part . . .’ Dynamite!”



"Thank God! A panel of experts!"



*“Actually, I’m just coming down off a kind of surprising haircut,
and I think I’ll just hang around the house for a while.”*



"I envy you, sir. The chef is cooking up a storm."

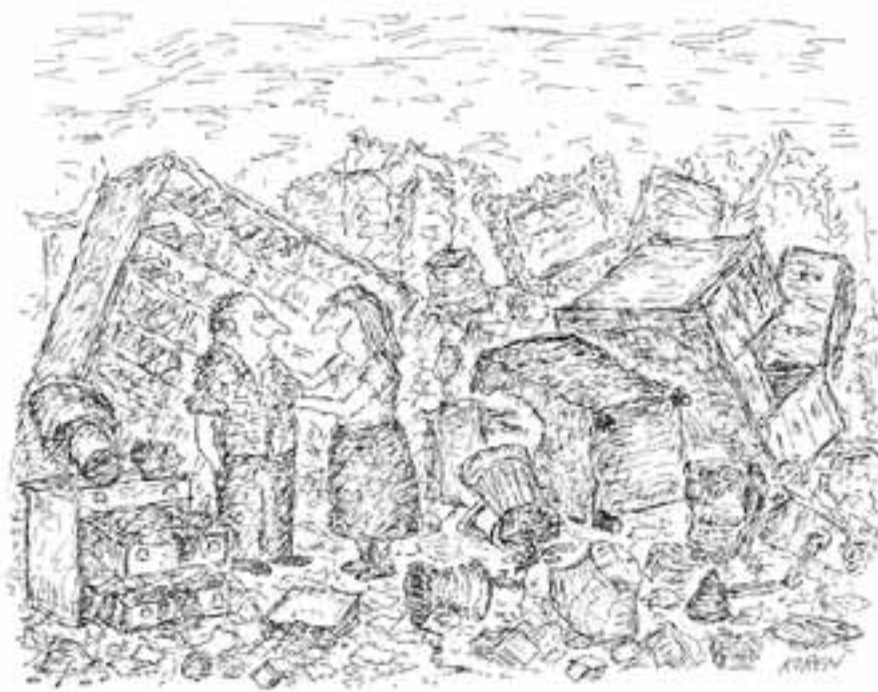


"In 1953, Horton was considered a real catch."





*"Haven't we met someplace before? Penn Station?
The Metropolitan Opera House? The Villard Houses?"*



"I think it's wonderful to be so direct with your anger."



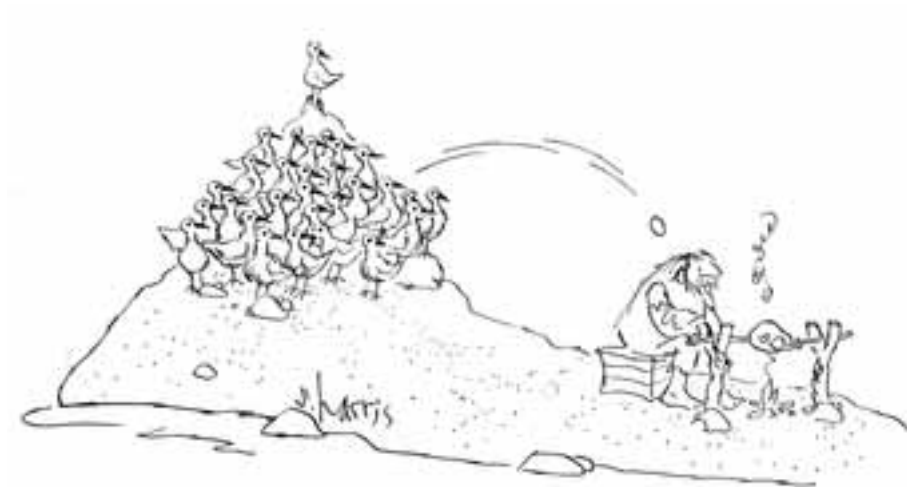
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William Steig (1/30/1978)

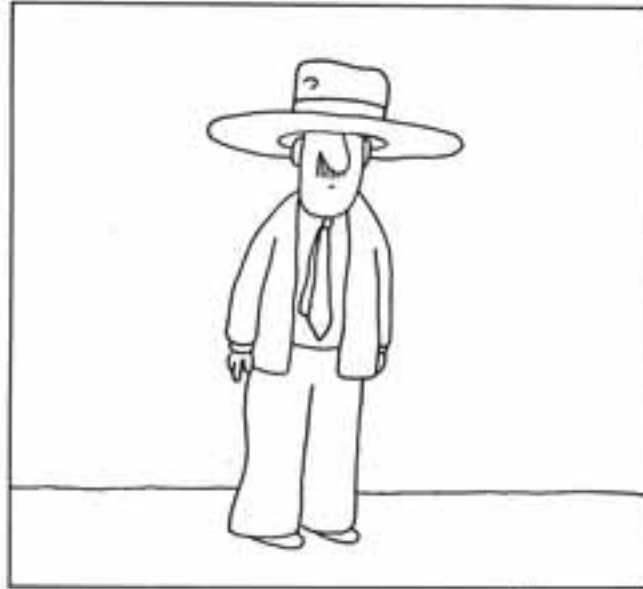
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*"Hi! I assemble visual and verbal elements and
package and market the results."*



COULD IT HAPPEN HERE?



GROUP WARNED BY CHAIRMAN

[*From the Times*]

He said Chairman Mao warned the group at a political bureau meeting on July 17, 1974, saying: "Stop slapping big hats on others at will. It is hard for you to mend you ways." He warned them again in April and May of 1975, Mr. Li said, calling on the Politburo to criticize their activities.



"I know you're working hard to meet the energy needs of this nation, Norris, but to me you're still a bum."



"I guess I'll just play out my stereotype."



"And stop trying to cheer me up!"



"This ten billion, of course, includes bullets."



*"Compared to you, Gwen honey, my first, second,
and third wives were mere rubbish."*



*"I keep trying to think of you in human terms,
Mr. Aspinwall, but you elude me."*





"Well, right now, Larry, I'm in the process of not doing anything."





"This is a lot harder on me. I'm a corporate person."



*"They named me Brockton, after one hell of
a town in Massachusetts."*







*"Oh dear. I'm afraid you have me to blame
for all this. I thought snow."*



"Frawley, Rothwick, and Kellerman. They have the bomb."



"I've been looking over the application you filled out when you joined us, Armstrong, and it seems you forgot to write in your lucky number."



"Well, I like it five to one!"



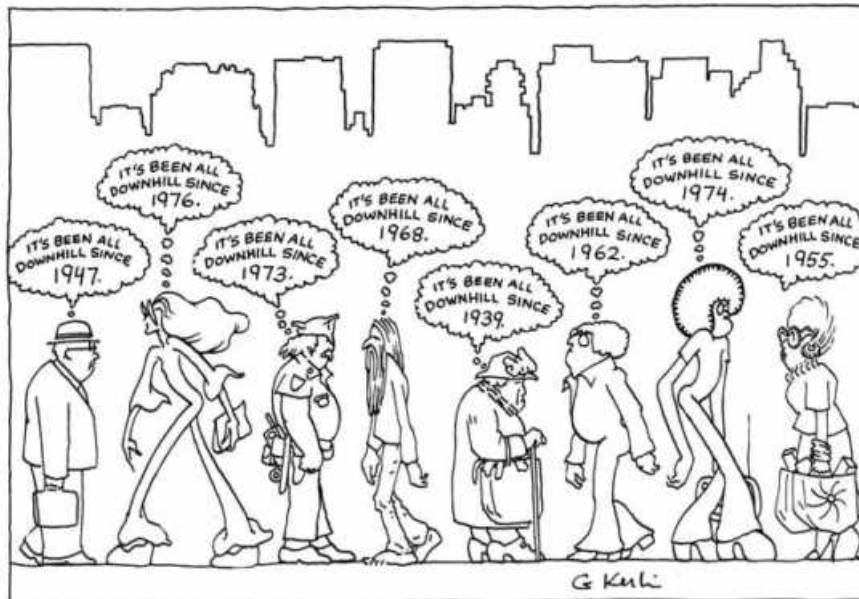
"Oh-oh. Lauder is getting ready to call something into question."



“Ground floor, out you go.”



"Not bad for an old man. How are you?"





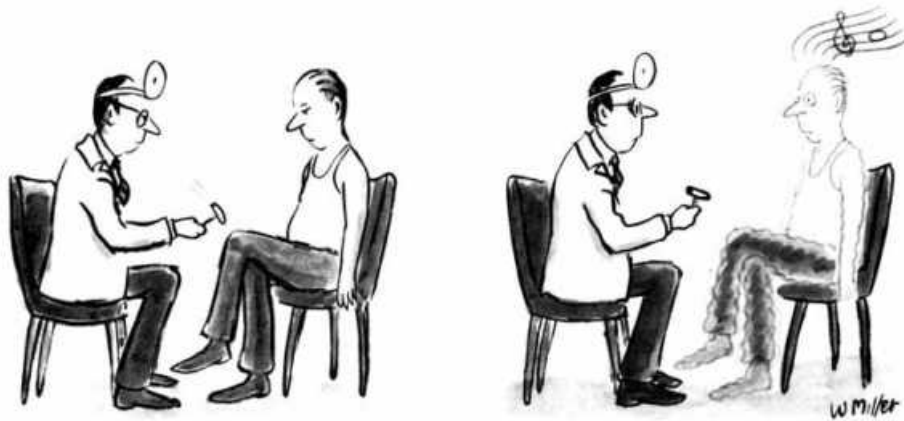
"Everybody's working on a project he can't talk about yet."



Three Lives



"A penny for your thoughts, dear."





*"You left out 'with extreme regret.' We accept
all resignations with extreme regret."*





"This is my husband, Taylor. His brain has turned to mush from too much television."



“Five years old! Is that all?”





"You'll be surprised at how little gas it actually guzzles."





"To us and the shambles we've made of our lives."

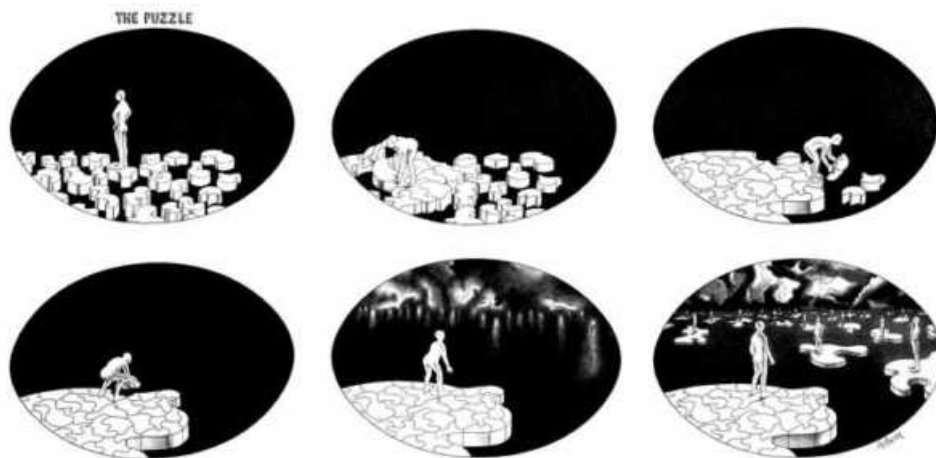




“Yes, I think ‘Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head’ is an excellent choice. I don’t have a theme song myself.”



"Didn't I put my gloves down here somewhere?"





*"It's not whether you can read and write, Eddie,
but how you play the game."*



"Wouldn't it be enough just not to return their invitation?"



*"I don't know who this is, but no, I most certainly
will not be your valentine!"*



“That was a very astute observation, Freckles. Does Mr. Charles T. Allison III share that view with you?”





“How can you read that garbage?”





"Diana is the warhorse of our block association."





"Well, you can stop lecturing me about my will to fail. I've failed."





*"The motion has been made and seconded that
we skim a little off the top."*

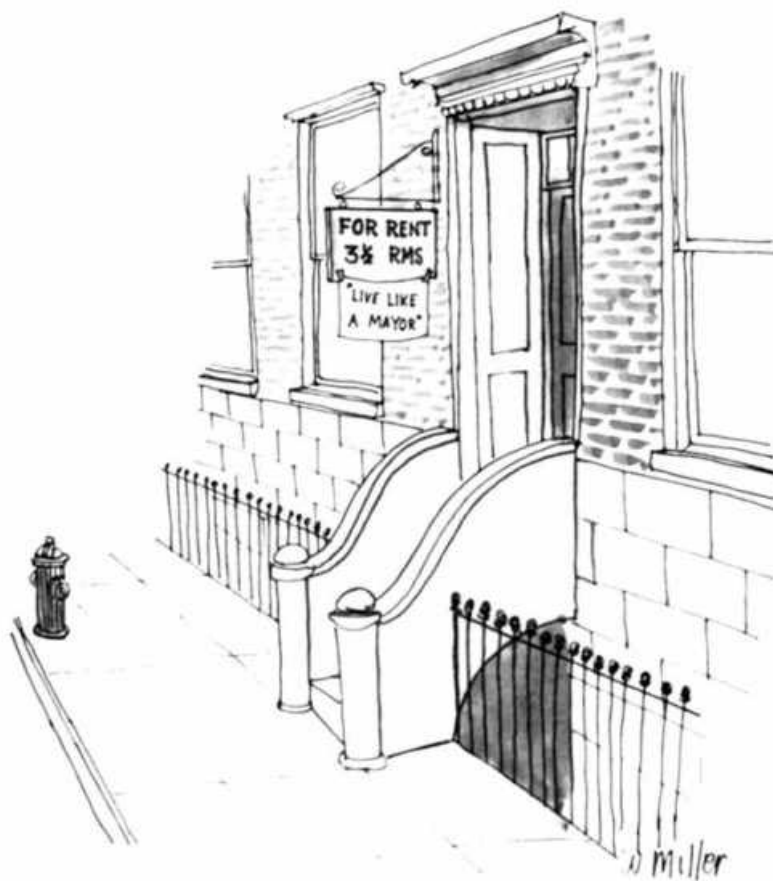


“Let’s take it again from ‘klonk.’”





"Oh, for God's sake, Jerry! Pick a card."

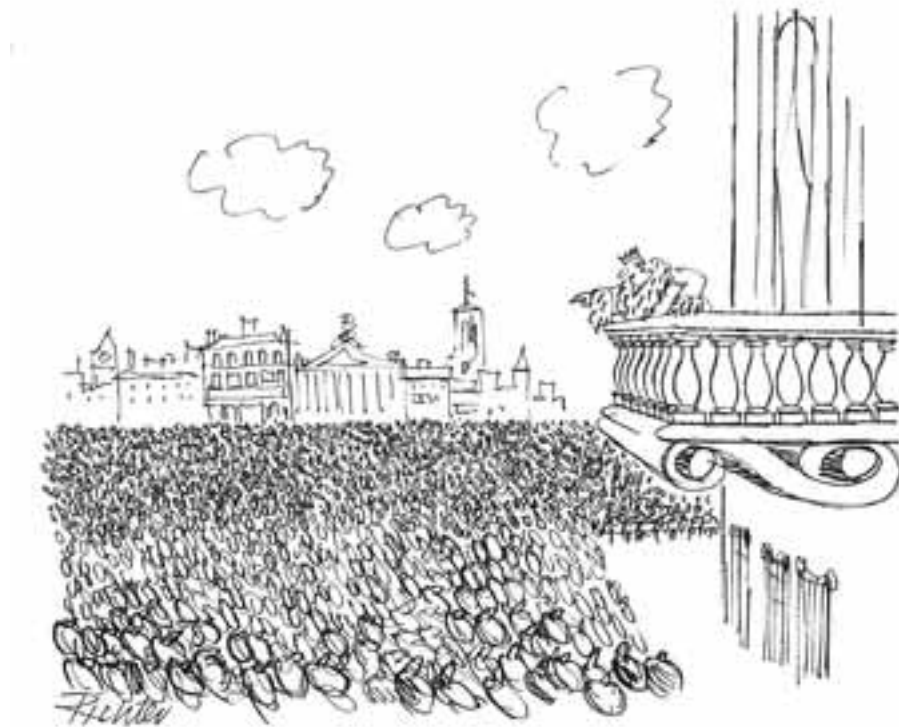




"We find the defendant guilty as charged by the media."



*"Let's not split hairs, Senator. We both know that big government
and private enterprise worship at the same church."*



"I believe the gentleman over there had his hand up first."



"Don't tell me you have bad news, too."



"Henry has decided to speak out, but he still hasn't found the proper forum."



"And this is Winston, my pilot fish."





"Hasn't looked me in the eye in twenty-six years."



New Moon



“Thank you, gentlemen. Although I’m resigning from this board, my thoughts will be with you. I intend to spend much of my time relaxing and painting, and my work will be shown at the Forbush Gallery, East Sixty-eighth Street, just off Park.”



*“Perhaps the Mesopotamians abandoned the reed vessel at
this juncture, Professor, and continued by dhow?”*



“Wilson knows absolutely all there is to know about a fireplace.”



"I want three one-cent stamps, two twos, one three, three fours, two fives, one six, one seven, two eights, one nine, one ten, two elevens, one thirteen, one fifteen, two eighteens . . ."

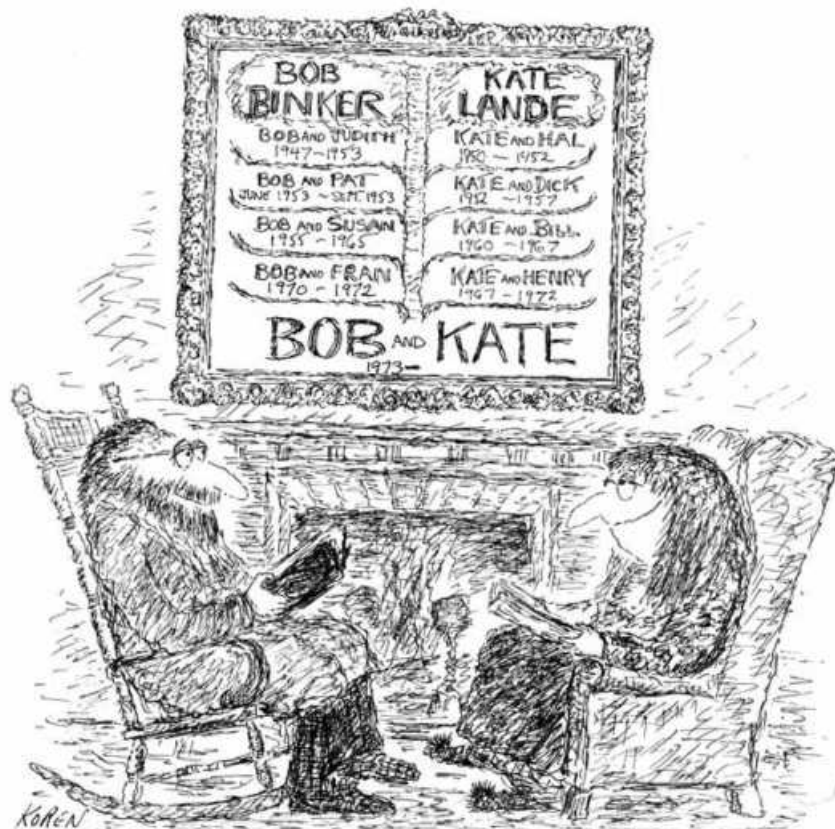




"Sweetheart, have you left us?"



"J.D., I've devised a plan that would make mincemeat out of our competitors. Just how far will you authorize me to sink?"





Peasant and Pig



"Let's go to the Caribbean or someplace and give our brains a rest."



*"I really can't begrudge Arthur a good time—he
suffered so much in the sixties."*



"I'm afraid this is pretty mediocre, Hopkins. On the other hand, we live in an age of mediocrity."



“Do you have any idea how deep this would be if it were snow?”



"Too sweet. Use less revenge."



“What’s the difference between sporting a mustache, like the man in this book, and just having a mustache, like you, Cranston?”





"You should watch this. You might learn something."



“You call this cuisine haute, Mac?”



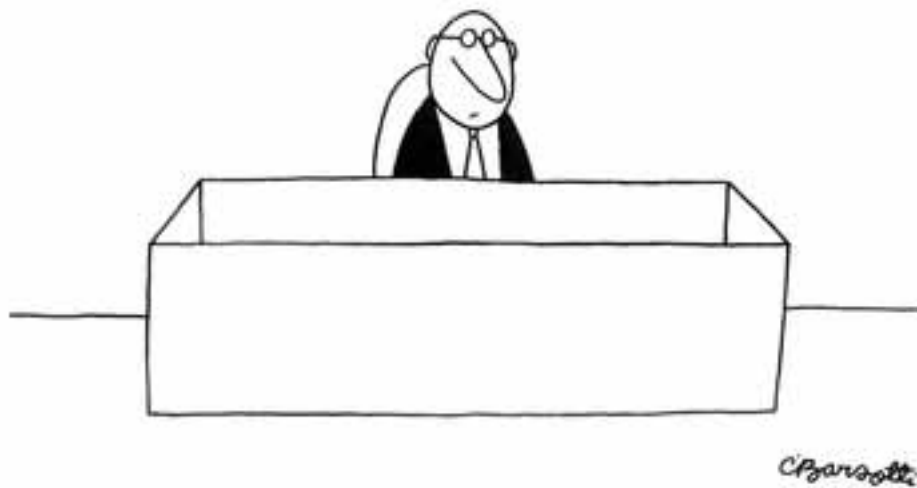
“Mr. Ginsbrook is a Senior Fellow, Mr. Whillip is a Distinguished Fellow, Mr. Roemer is an Honorary Fellow, and Mr. Dilbum is a Regular Fellow.”



"Elmer! Is that you?"



"I'd say in that outfit you can handle just about anything Mother Nature dishes out, Mr. Harper!"







"Do you know the Kendalls? They, too, are inseparable."



"Just give me some space, Milton."



"Well, this trial has provided us all with a lot of laughs, hasn't it? But, if I may be serious for a moment, I find you guilty as charged and sentence you to twenty years in the pen."



“And why, may I ask, do you want to address the Knesset?”



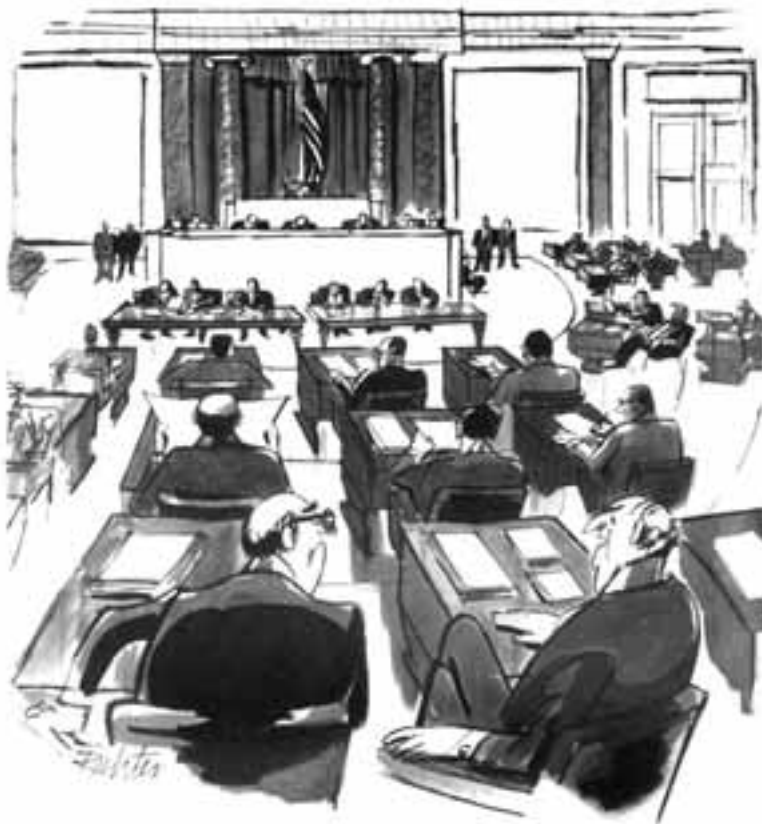
“And I’m happy to report that, despite what recent shifts in public opinion might seem to indicate, confidence in the peanut remains unshaken.”



*"Oh, I've got talent, all right, but I've never found
anyone who could really exploit me."*



“No, I’m sorry, I don’t have a dime to spare. I did, however, see one lying in the gutter not two blocks back.”



"I don't feel like it, that's why. Why don't you exercise your power?"



"I've got a Saturday-night fever, but not the Saturday Night Fever."







“Our colleague Professor Bodley has been appearing on several what I believe are called ‘talk shows’ in connection with his new book.”



"Down by the old millstream . . ."



"It's almost three o'clock, Mr. Jeffries. Should I pass out the balloons?"



"Miss Jones, may I go home and watch television?"







"I'm Irving Lasky, once you get to know me."



"She's all work and no play."



“The Right Honourable Rawlings Gwaltney and friend. His Grace the Duke of Foreshire and friend. Evan W. Prentine, Esquire, and friend . . .”



"I'm sorry, Gilhorn, but J.W. himself has decided you are no longer bright-eyed and bushy-tailed."



“And that goes for your personalized shirts, shorts, and neckties, too!”



Fairy Tale



*"Oh, that was nothing. Grandpa Pierce just set off
the smoke alarm again."*



"Oh, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond, leaving so soon?"



“Demons who dwell in mountain are angry.”





"Tom, young Mr. Moncure here is that Harvard M.B.A. I was telling you about who has the keen sense of depreciation."





“My client would like to remind the Court that until recently he himself was a member of the bench.”



“Let’s face it, Larry. You’re not a key player.”



"Say, I'll bet you'd like my wife. She sort of has her own identity, too."





C. Barsotti

"Miss Fletcher, send in a pickle."



"Good morning, work load."



“Swami Ananda, here, has also discovered the secret of life!”



“Yes, I said that in an ironic tone. Of course I said that in an ironic tone. There’s very little I don’t say in an ironic tone.”

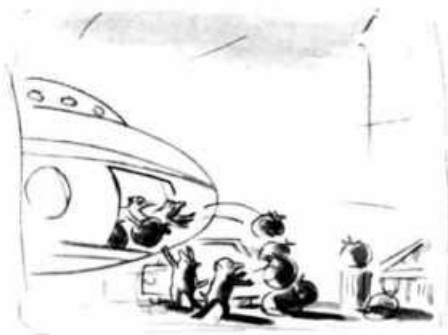


"Gilbraith, how are you at the art of disguise?"



*"Holbuckle is very up on what's going on in the world.
Grigby doesn't give a damn."*







“Have we ever had a President that wasn't indefatigable?”





*"Oh, there you are. For a moment I thought
your 'look' came in without you."*



"I love the honesty of your lyric."





“And here’s a roundup of local forecasts: The National Weather Service predicts dropping temperatures and heavy snow; Accu-Weather says look for light flurries, with no significant accumulation; and our own Weather Central has issued a major-storm advisory and suggests evacuation of all low-lying coastal areas.”



*"I used a standard obscure diplomatic code word,
but perhaps it wasn't obscure enough."*



*"Tommy, your mother and I think it's time you become
part of the decision-making process."*



"Blanche is a gourmet cook, aren't you, dear?"



"It's not cotton, honey. It's nylon quilted to polyester. The leaves and trim are twenty per cent acrylic and eighty per cent modacrylic, and the flowers are acetate. The backing is polypropylene. Go to bed."

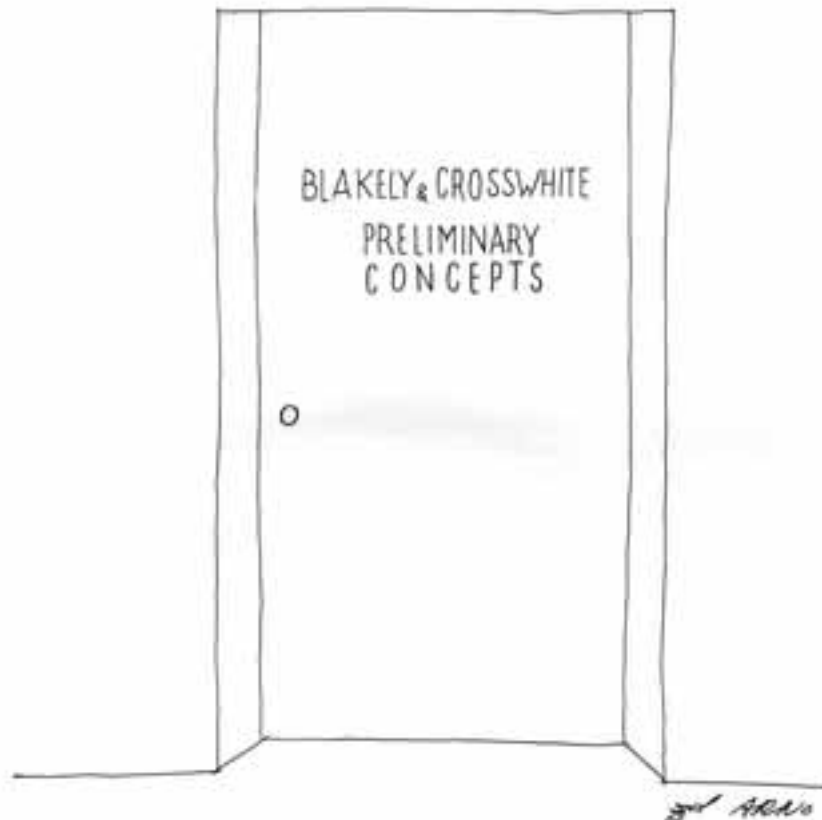




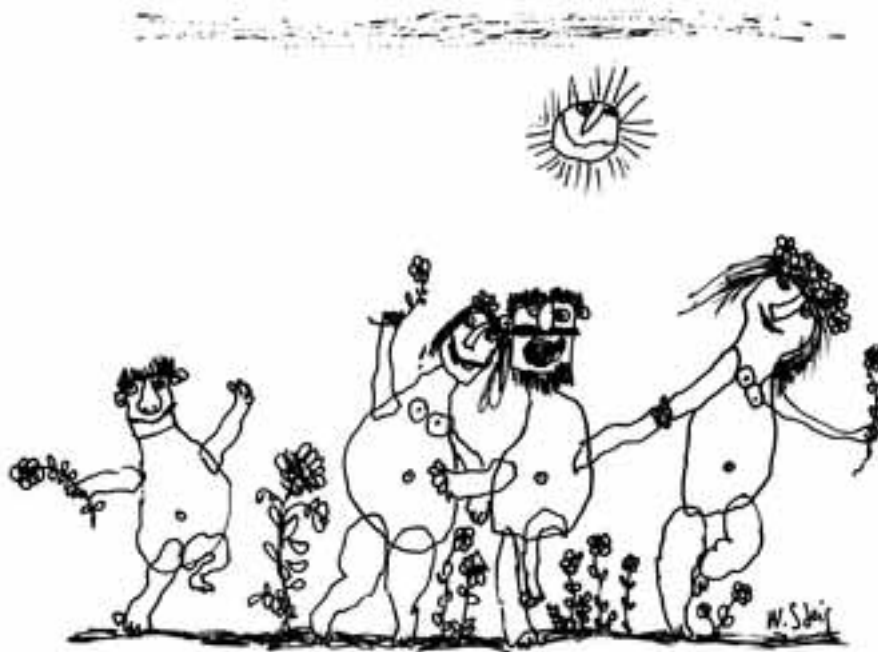
“Al Crenshaw, answering the phone himself.”



"And here's to you, my good right arm."







Begone Dull Care



*“Your book shows considerable imagination and literary skill,
but, frankly, the elves aren’t cute enough.”*





“For years I was afraid of overconfidence, but when I finally gave in to it, it wasn’t bad at all.”





*"When people ask what you're like, I say you're
a saint. That usually shuts them up."*



"I do not endorse your position."



"Room service here."



“Gee!”

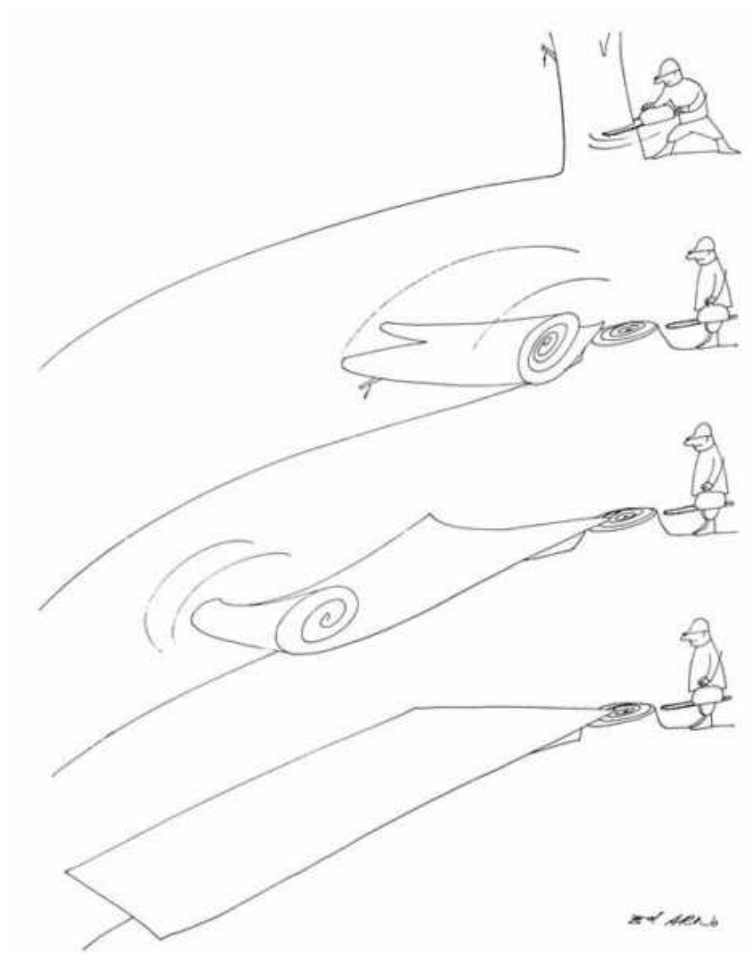


“And this will be Richard’s atelier.”



*"I called in you people from Accounting because I wanted
to ask you if you're having fun."*







*“Old-Fashioneds used to be Fred’s Achilles’ heel. Now
Margaritas are Fred’s Achilles’ heel.”*



"We'll be turning to the sports in just a moment, but first here's an interesting item on page thirteen."

A REALIZATION

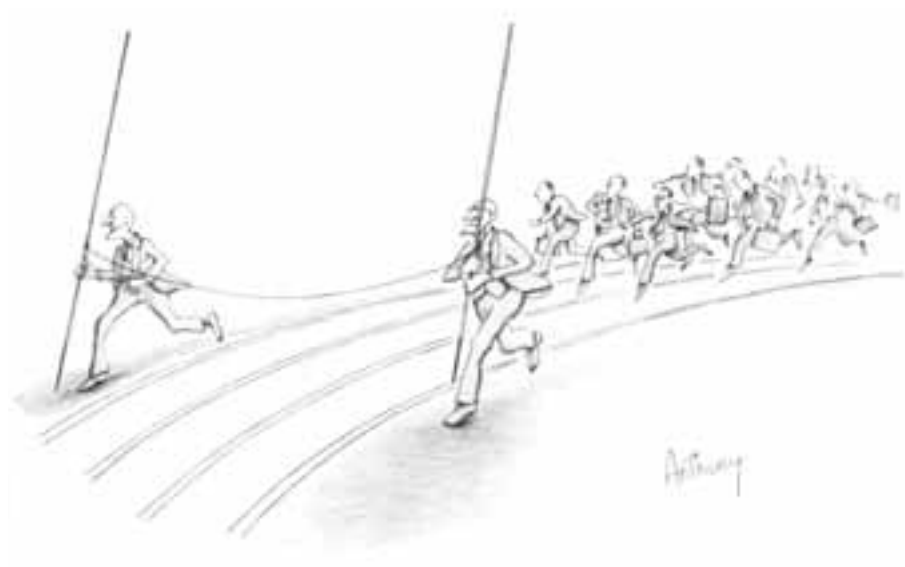




“Look! I happen to be very busy. Do you mind?”



"I hereby dub thee, officially and forevermore, grown up."



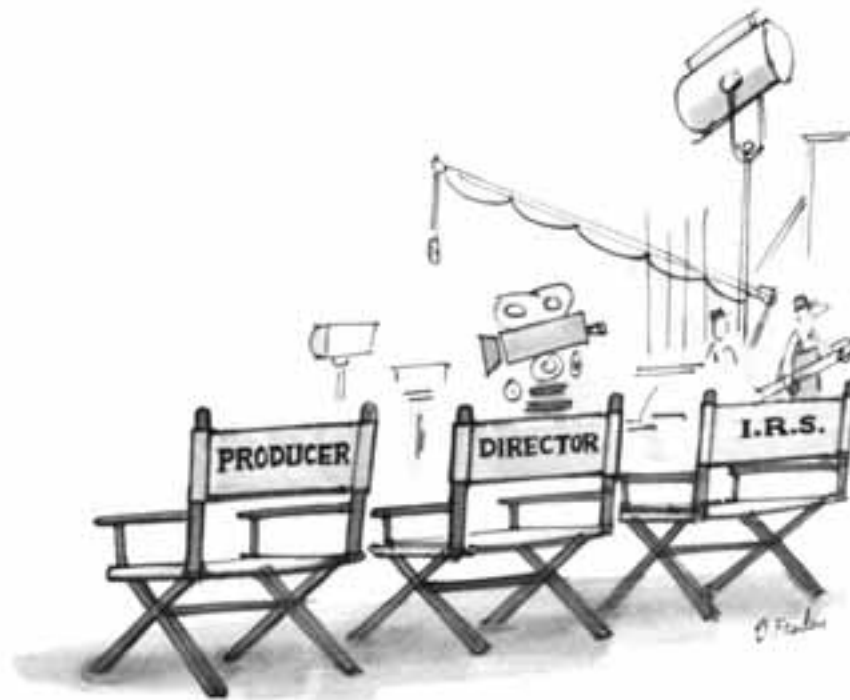


“With Edgar, every day is a day that will live in infamy.”





"I'm a member of the business community."





"Lately I've been very happy, but I don't know if it's me or vitamins."



*“And then, after you sauté the onions, put in the chicken livers,
add a little vermouth, some chopped parsley . . .”*





*“Did it ever occur to you that maybe I don’t want
to wake up with John Gambling?”*



"Come back later, Miss Crane. At the moment, I'm drunk with power."





"I believe I'll skip the appetizer. I ate the flowers."



*“Yes, I’ve got a gas guzzler. Not because I like gas guzzlers
but because in 1953 that’s all there was.”*



*“Whenever I’m pleasantly surprised, you’re bitterly disappointed.
And when I’m bitterly disappointed, you’re pleasantly surprised.”*

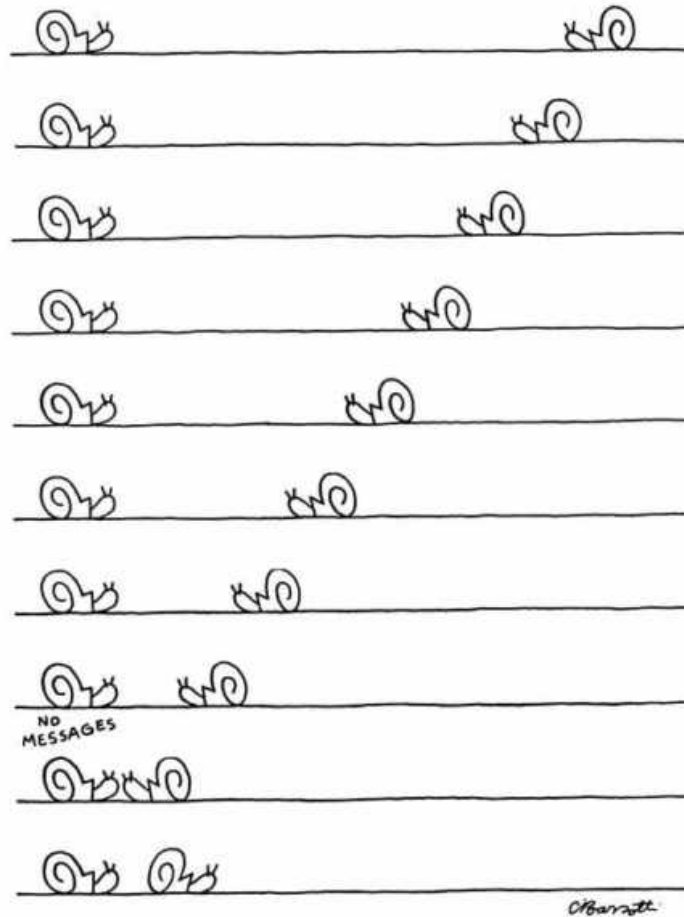


"The meeting on the Babcock merger was postponed. Gil Gowers cancelled our lunch. The people from the Atkinson account didn't show. The 5:38 was delayed for an hour and a half because of a power outage. And now I'm skipping dinner and going straight to bed."



"His concerns are global."











“Well, ‘Irate Bum,’ what do you know? They printed your letter!”



"It's the one indulgence he allows himself."



"No cause for alarm, folks. I'm Morey Kranshaw, from down the block, and I'm having an out-of-body experience."



*"I know exactly what you mean. Sometimes I just turn
the radio on FM and think, think, think."*



*“If you recall, I didn’t give you an ‘estimate.’
I gave you a ‘ballpark figure.’”*



FELLOW MEN (I OF 6)



Woman Reading Love Letter

FELLOW MEN (2 OF 6)



Freighter Headed for Nearest Port

FELLOW MEN (3 OF 6)



Pedestrian Catching Reflection in Store Window

FELLOW MEN (4 OF 6)



Subway Rider in a Staring Duel

FELLOW MEN (5 OF 6)



The Elderly Suitor

FELLOW MEN (6 OF 6)



Connoisseur of Coloratura Sopranos





"New York is a constant nourishment for Daniel."



*"All my life I've worked and struggled to be somebody,
and now I am somebody. But it isn't me."*



*“Yes, I know, Munger. But Wallace Stevens didn’t scribble
his damned verses on company time.”*



“Bring me my boots and saddle. And pants.”



*"Isn't it nice to get out in the fresh air
after being cooped up all winter?"*



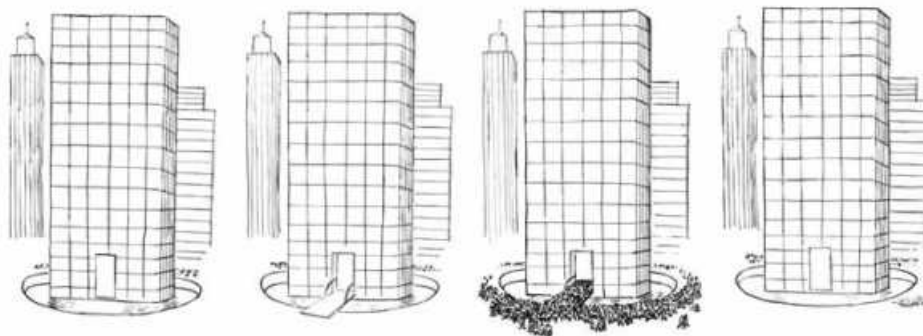
"What's your choice of salad dressing?"



"I bought a bag of crushed limestone today, for you to do something with on the lawn. It was only a dollar thirty-seven."



*"I'm afraid, gentlemen, that this doesn't call for a drink,
but let's have one anyway."*





"I think we've finally got it. Natural goodness."

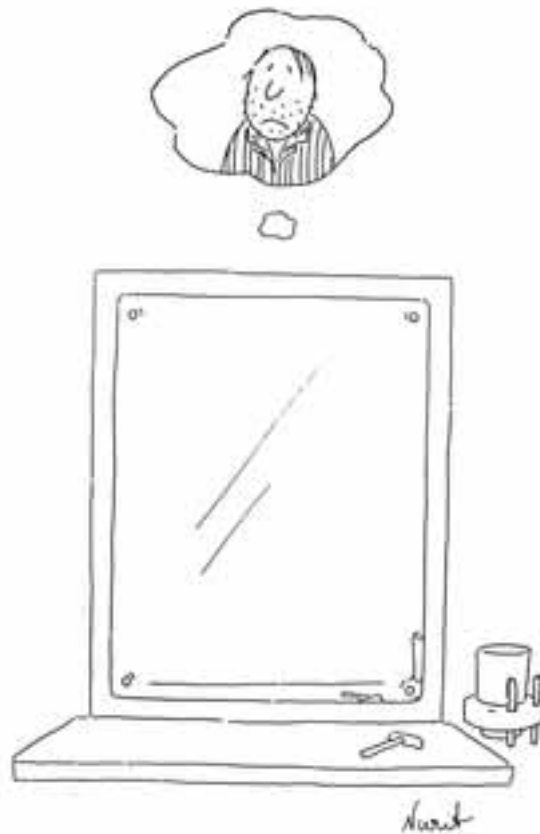




“Commissioner Tooley, Senator Coleridge, Union President Krull, Dr. Reicheimer, Judge Fenton, Congressman Stromm, Mr. Vincent O’Donaghue, Attorney Marvin Tresswood, and I have no comment.”



"I well remember his last words to me—'There is no such thing as a free lunch.'"





*“Bloomfield is in great demand at various functions
to lend an air of gravity to the occasion.”*





"I'll have a quarter pound of your most reliable cheese."



"I'm sorry, sir, but they already have enough manuscripts on cloning."





"Mind if I smoke?"



The Right Time, the Right Place



“General Doubleday, sir, you’re out.”



*"We do things a little differently around here, Haskell.
If at first you don't succeed, you're fired."*



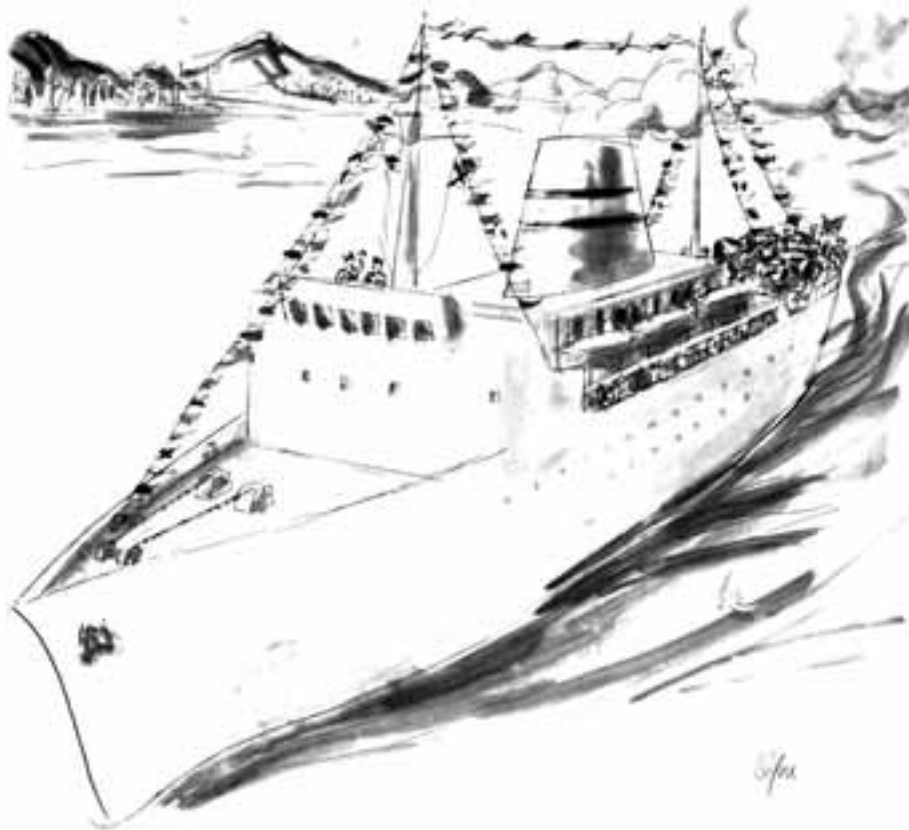
"I've tried to express myself clearly, but for a truly definitive statement of me you'd have to see my new living room."



*"How do you expect me to pass that old geezer
if you won't pedal, too?"*



*"Sweetheart, I love it! The gown, the bag, the
hairdo—the whole gestalt."*



“Oh, my God! We forgot Tobago!”



*“He’s considered to be a bellwether in
the field of economic forecasting.”*



*"If I had it all to do over again, I would have
liked to be the King of Swing."*



“And this? Trash or treasure?”

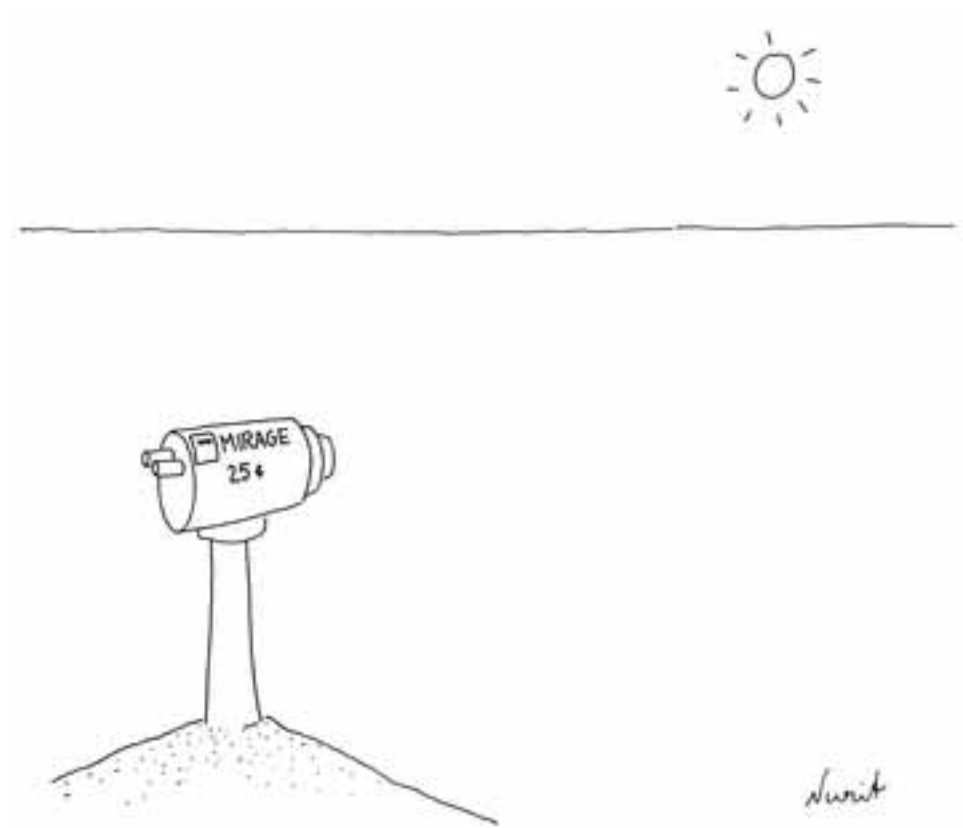


“Know what I’m going to do? I’m going to load you with extras!”





“Frank, this is Jack Kurtz. Jack is tonight’s guest host.”





“Roland is a creature of the military, Hugo is a creature of the establishment, and Mulholland is a creature of the media.”



*“Wait a minute, you guys—I’ve decided to
make it unanimous after all.”*





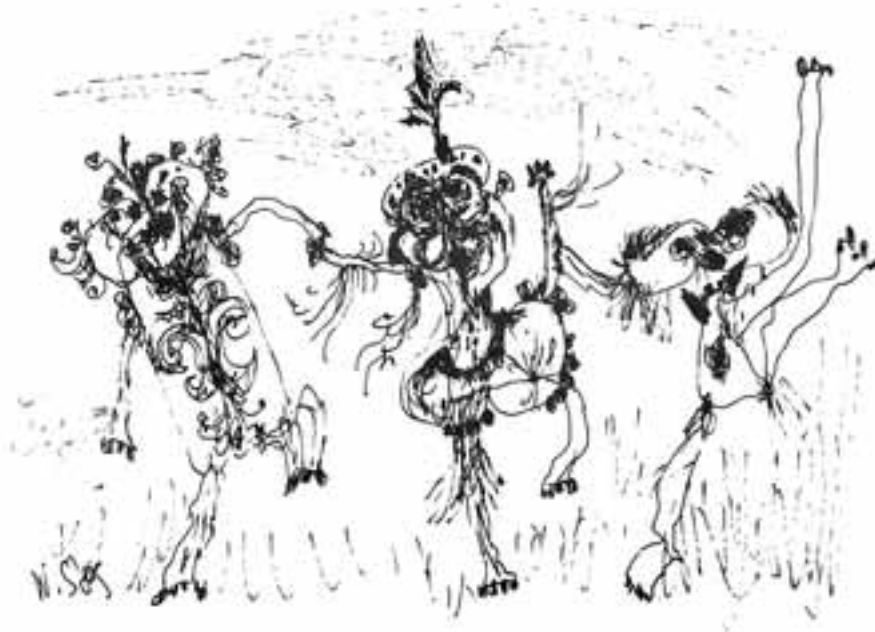
“I’m sitting here going over all my troubles in my mind, and there’s Ferguson over yonder, a man utterly at peace with himself. Then suddenly—whack! whoopty-do!—his rocker snaps, and it’s off the north end of the porch with him! How about that?”



“May we?”



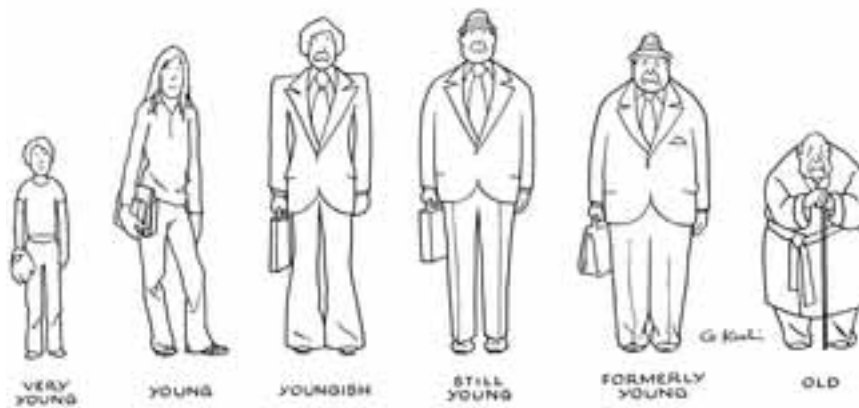
*“O.K., now Reed, Bruno, Parker & Van Patten, Inc., followed by
Hannover, Norris, Upham, Wallace & Peck.”*



Spring Rite



“Burmeister, I understand you wear a jaunty hat. I’m considering purchasing something along those lines, and I wonder if you’d be kind enough to fetch yours and put it on for me.”





*"What a coincidence! I couldn't help noticing you're reading
a book I was thinking of reading myself."*





“Robert? Oh, he’s out somewhere chasing a buck.”



“Granted the public has a right to know what’s in a hot dog, but does the public really want to know what’s in a hot dog?”



“If I called him ‘Arturo,’ he’d get absolutely livid.”



"Morning, sweetheart."



"Your depression is contagious."







*"He has a whole fleet of Cadillacs, of which that,
I believe, is the flagship."*



“Well, the space certainly has potential. The question, then, is how important a statement you’re prepared to make.”





“Pop, you’ve got to be more supportive of Mom and more willing to share with her the day-to-day household tasks. Mom, you have to recognize Pop’s needs and be less dependent on him for your identity.”



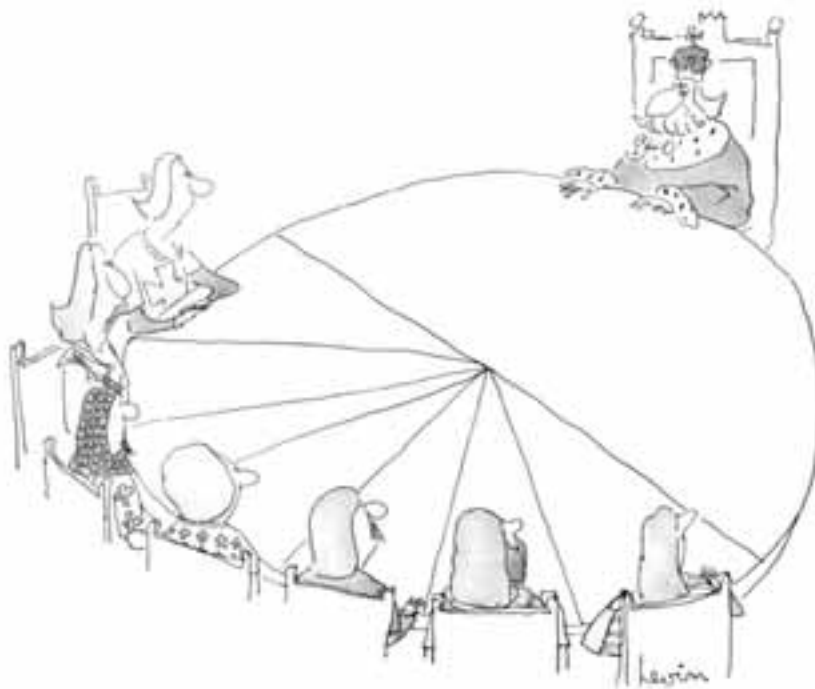
“Just what’s going on here, Dillington?”



“But, Mr. Atherton, this is Heaven. You don’t buy and sell anything.”

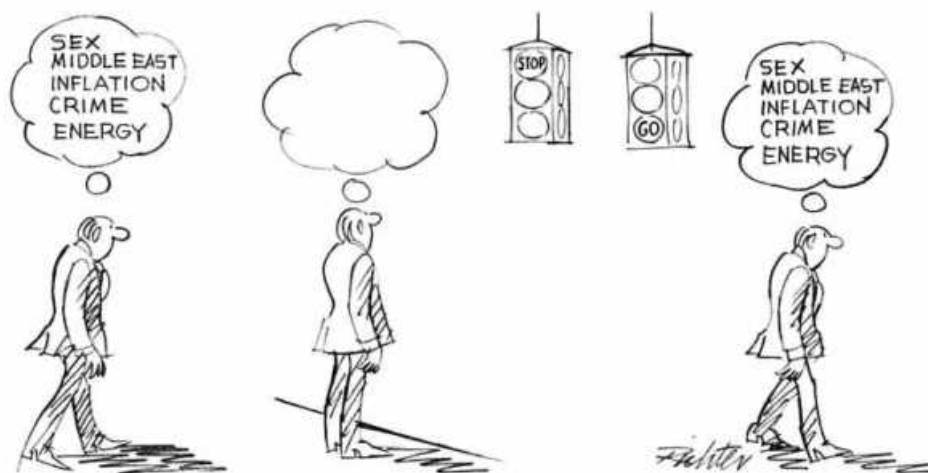


*“The first thing you should know about going to
Scandinavia is that pants suits are out!”*





“That’s Ron Gallagher, and that’s his logo.”





"Why, thank you. It becomes you, too."





“This song describes the events of a lovely spring day. The sky is a cloudless blue, birds are singing, and out at the ballpark the grass is an emerald green. It’s the top of the fourth, there are two out and runners on first and second. The batter hits a slow roller down the third-base line. The third baseman scoops up the ball barehanded and tries for a force play at second . . .”



"That's reality for you."



“Hey, then we’re both products of the Great Depression!”





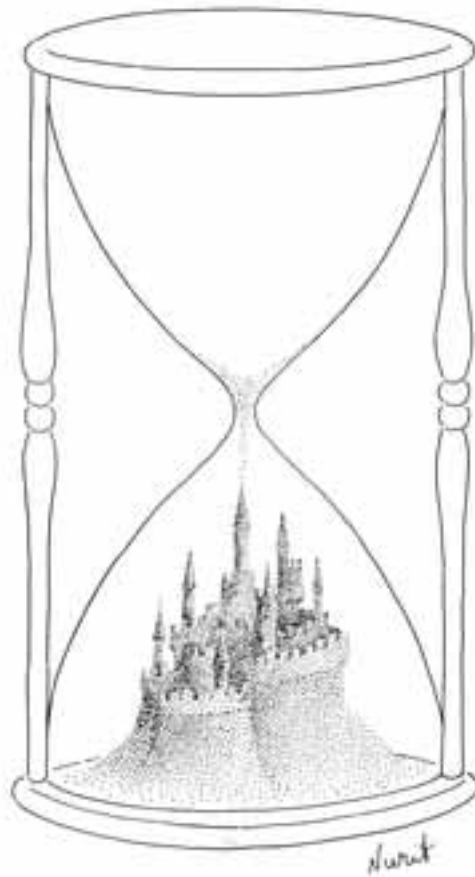
"Well, here comes the old masculine mystique."



*"We're moving you out of Accounts Receivable, Dickerson.
The computer doesn't like you."*



“While the committee is pausing, I wonder if we couldn’t discuss why we always have to get butter-brickle cones.”





*"I have everything money can buy, except one of
those new videotape machines."*



Love in the Alps



"To you and yours."



“And for heaven’s sake try not to come home with the same face!”

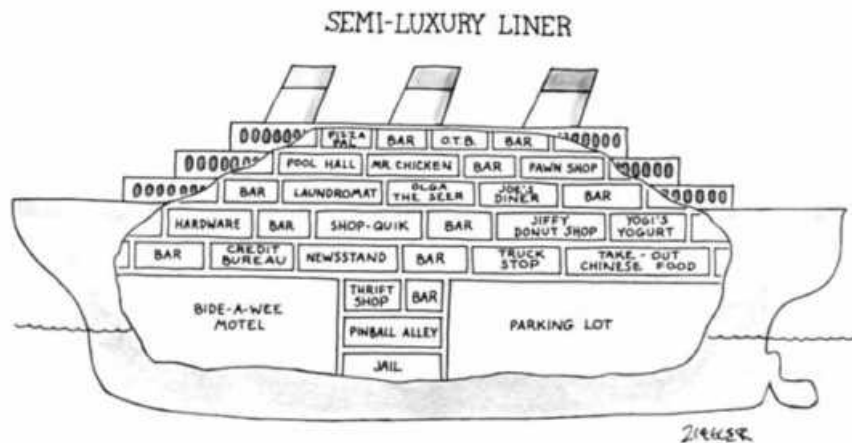


"I don't get it, but that's all right. I never get it."





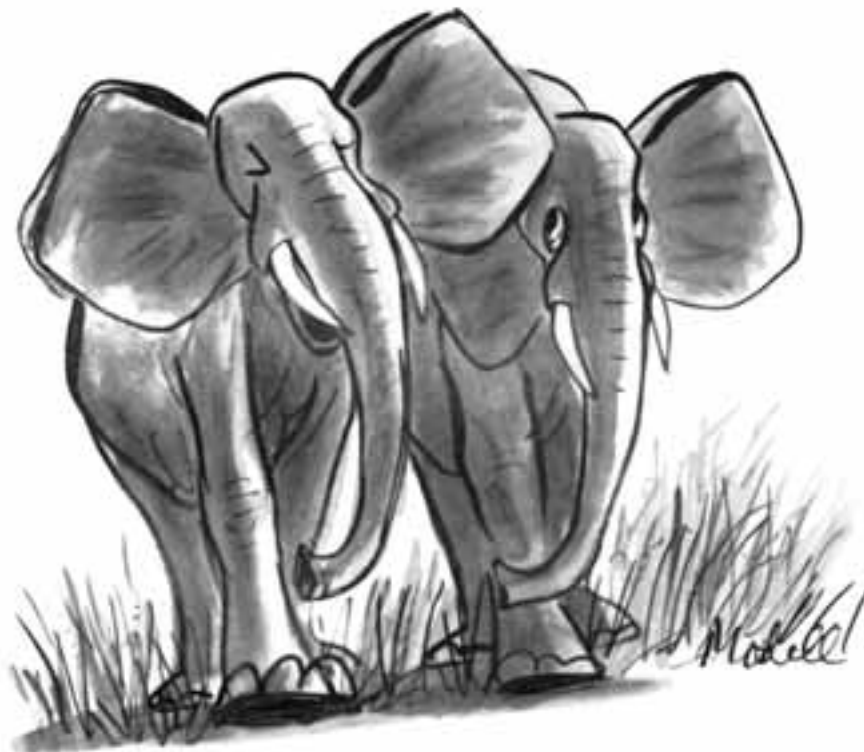
*"Phil was known as the Albert Schweitzer of East
Ninety-sixth Street, but we moved."*







"The social fabric is extremely fragile around here."



"Oh, I've stepped on a few toes in my lifetime."



"I don't know when I've seen a more magnificent slide. You're out!"



"And now I'd like to have you meet one of our lesser lights."



"Captain, this Brie is totally out of control!"

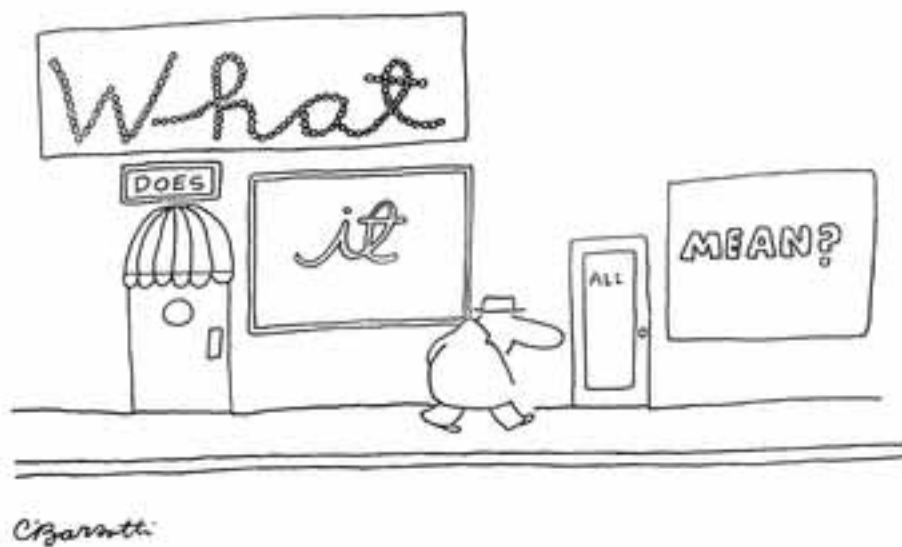




"Well, what'll it be, young fellow? I can give you justice, I can give you mercy, or I can give you one tempered with the other."



“Of course, what we usually mean by ‘test drive’ is a little-run-around-the-block sort of thing.”



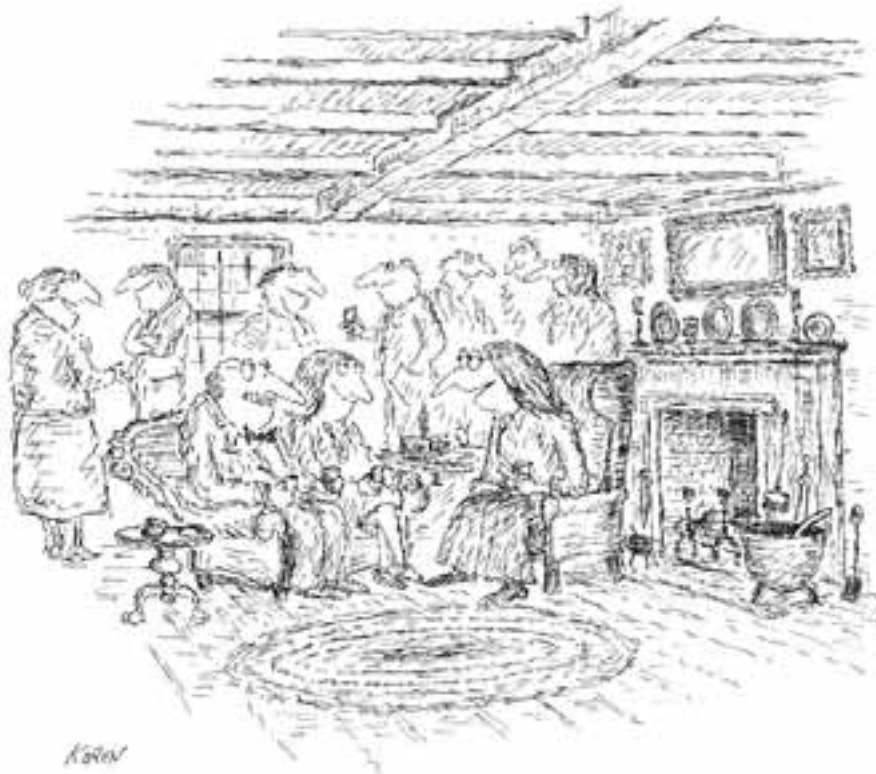




"And I think you're too dressy."



"I'm a fresh-vegetable fan."



"We live a few miles from here in an architecturally significant former gas station."



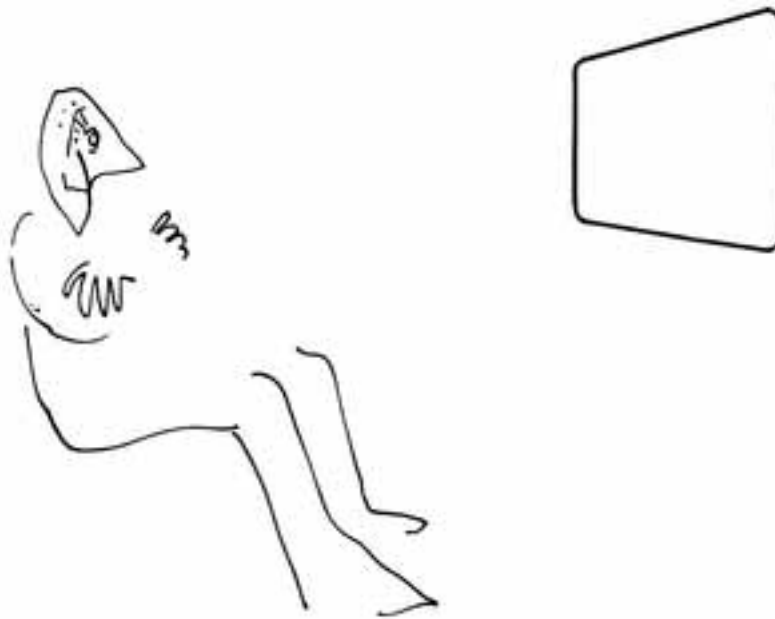
"I guess ours is the old story—too much of a good thing."



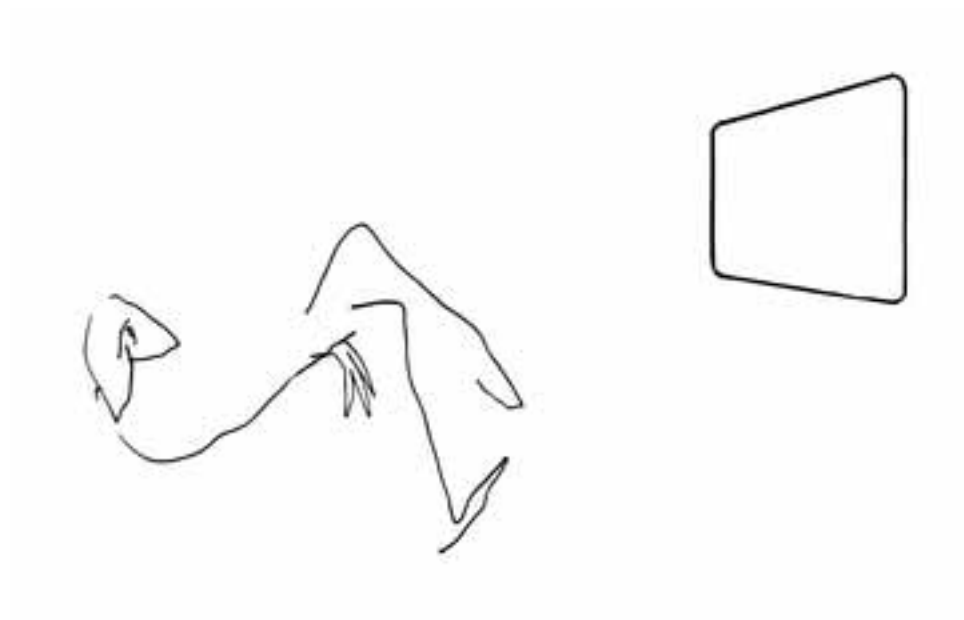
"Hi! I'm James Morton, and I do not intend to read Nixon's memoirs."



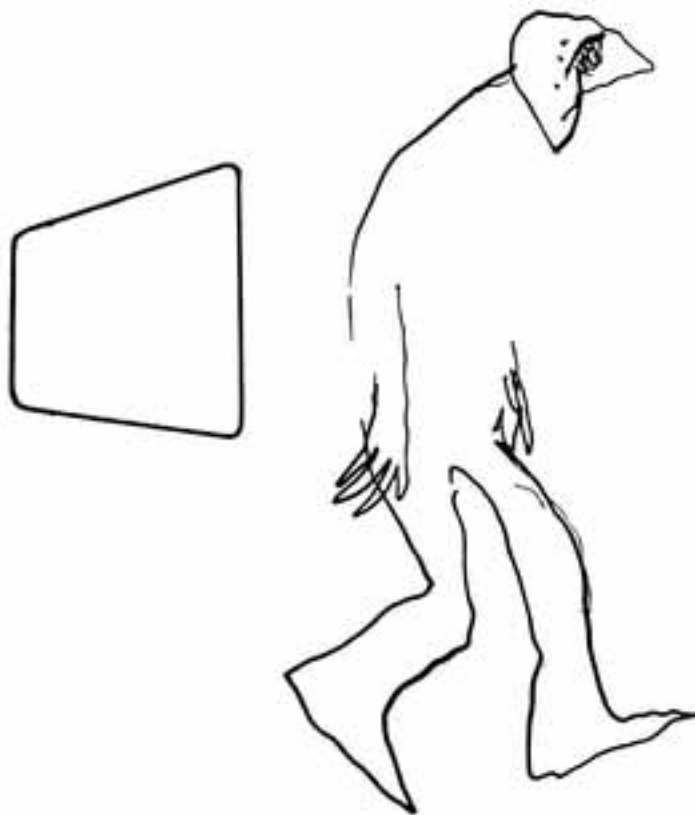
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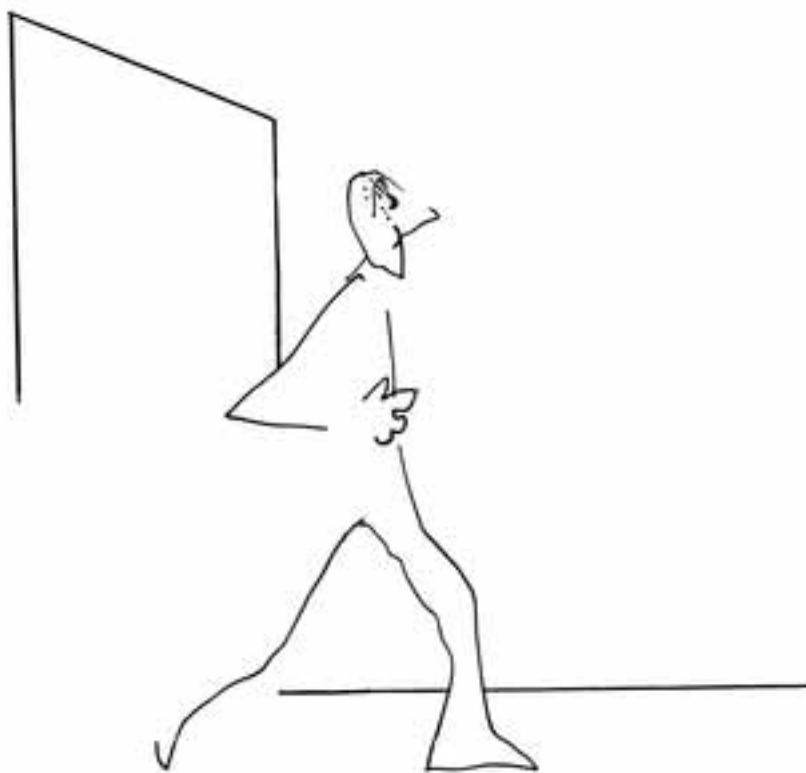
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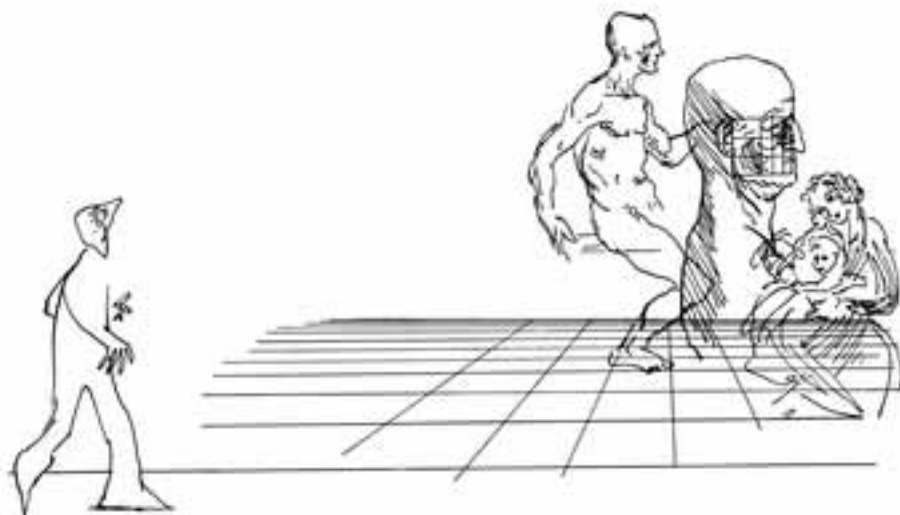
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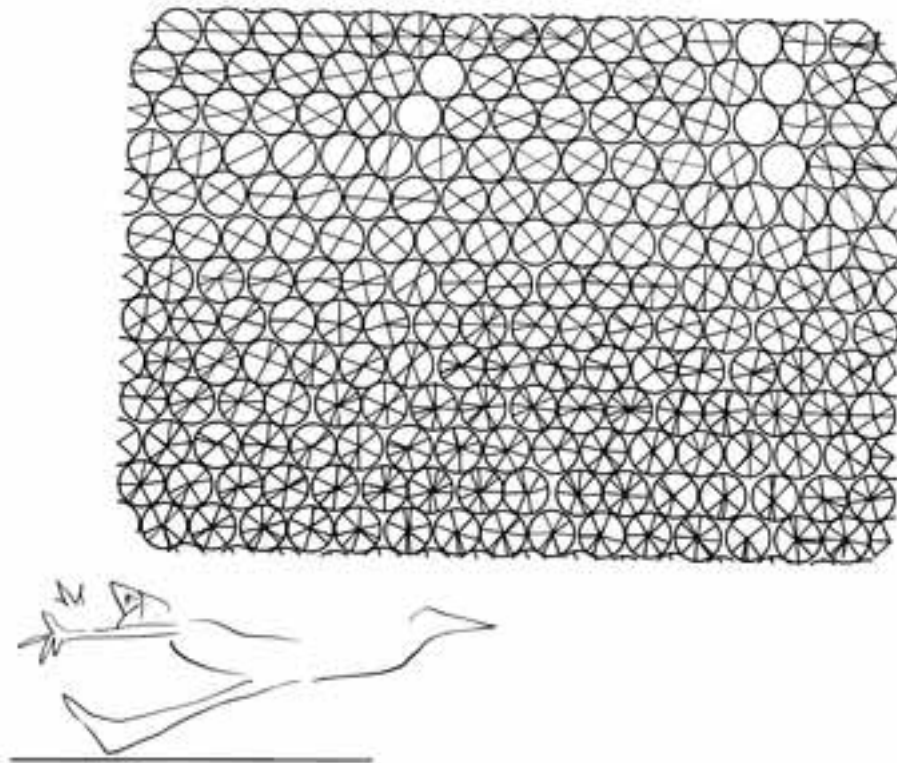
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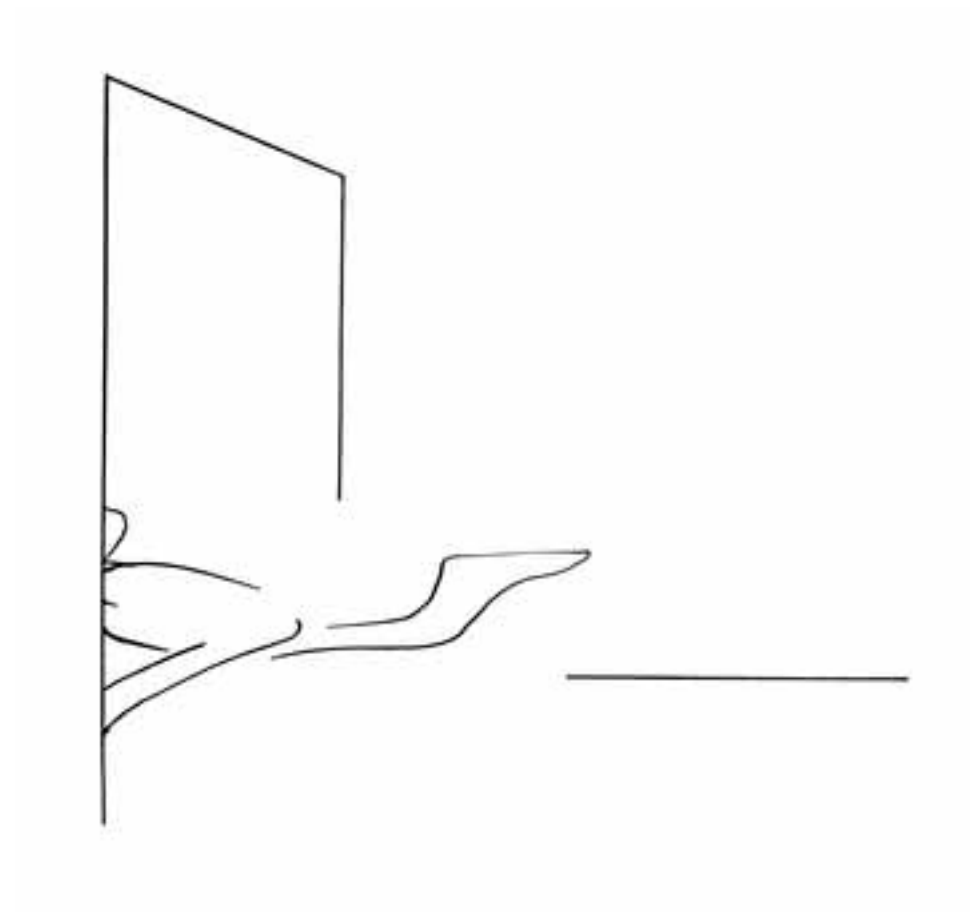
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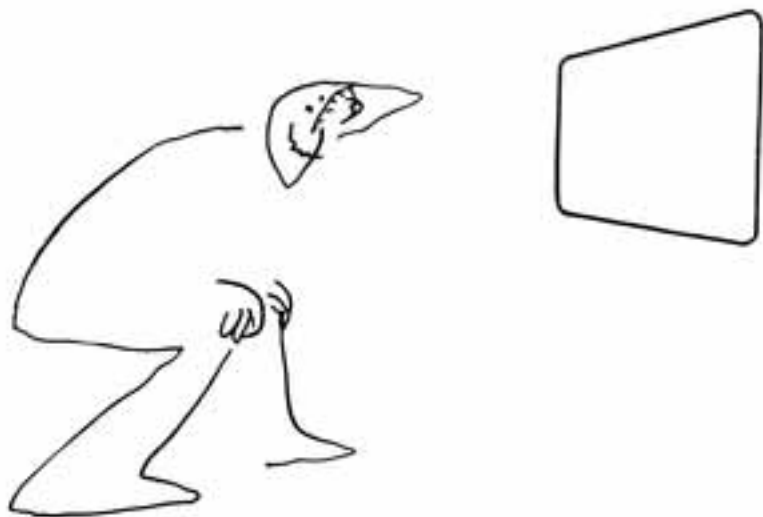
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David Pascal



"Hey, what is this stuff? It makes everything I think seem profound."



*“Here’s your sceptre, and I hope a lot of little things
don’t eat into your day.”*



“‘Honesty is the best policy.’ O.K.! Now, what’s the second-best policy?”



Mummers



“Mr. Whitlocke can’t speak to you now. He’s sculling on the Charles.”



1978



"A raise is out of the question, Hicks, but I will move you up a notch in the pecking order."



"Not ō, dummy, ōō."



“Malcolm’s big project for the year is learning how to wear his erudition lightly.”









"Why, thank you, dear. You seem rather civil yourself this evening."





*“Well, if this *is* your résumé, why is there a section headed ‘Seafood’?”*



"Wake me up when the Dow hits a thousand."



“He always signs his name like that when he’s angry.”



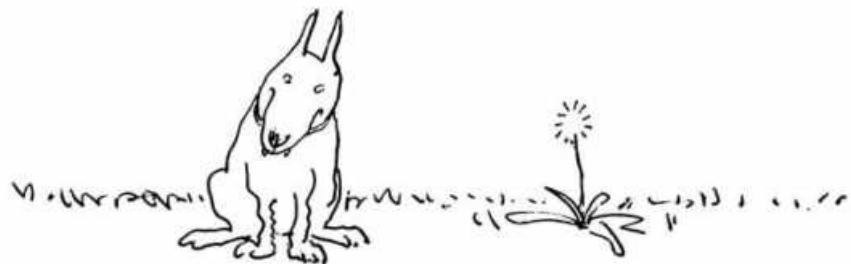
*"The people who admire and appreciate you are on this side,
and the ones who don't care so much for you are on the other."*



"To women, as we once knew them."



"Are you ready for about six sobering experiences?"



Booth,



*"First of all, I'd like to say I really feel I got my
thirty-two thousand dollars' worth."*





*"But I take it a canoe trip along the lower
Amazon does not appeal."*



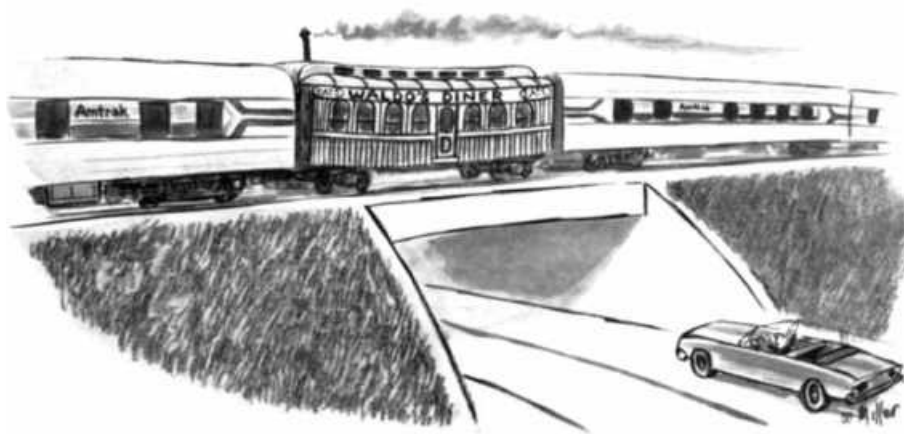
“Oh, nonsense—hundreds of people have exhausted their grants and gone on to live happy, productive lives.”





“That’s E. W. Feesley. He’s got all the moves.”









"My daughter Patience."



"Whatever I do, I'm going to be highly visible."



“Senator, you have many more years of fulminating in you.”



“And this is Mrs. Cantwell, my second-in-command.”



"Nobody likes a crybaby, Rosewater."

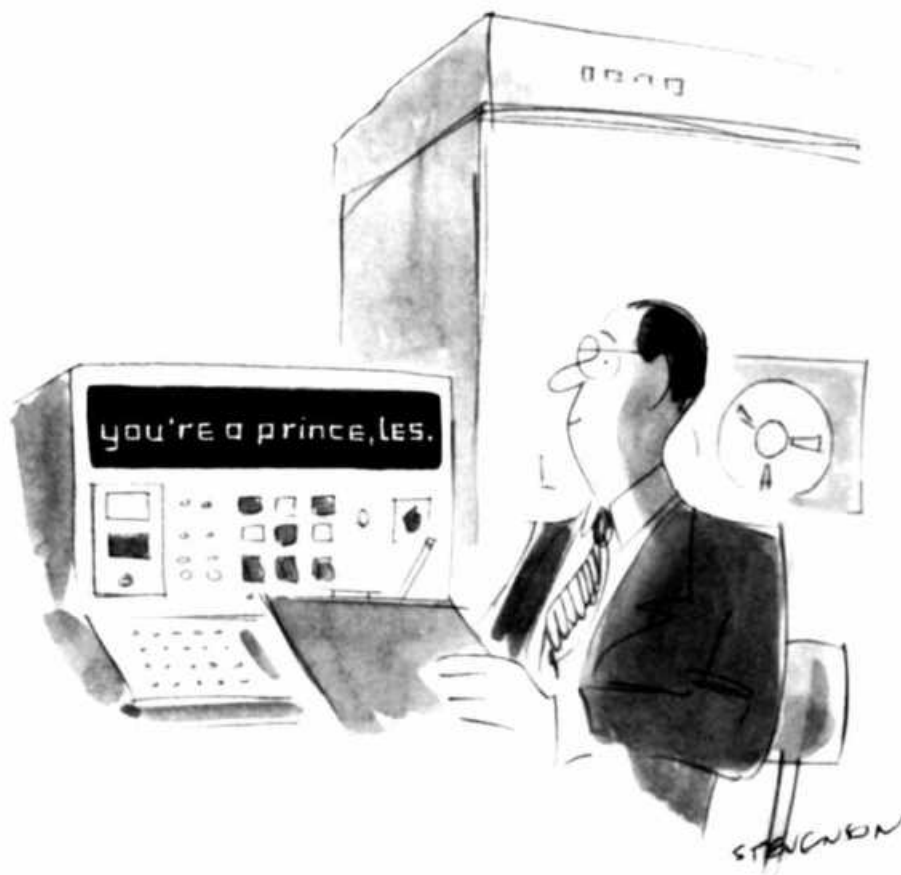




"I think you're an amateur in the best sense of the word."



"Is he well enough to lose?"





*“Señor Hidalgo, here, is one of the top bananas
in one of the banana republics.”*



*“The sad thing, if it catches us, is that no one will know
we invented the motorcar in 1327.”*



*"I dreamt I was sitting in on a National Security Council meeting,
and guess what. Liza Minnelli and Halston were there, too!"*





“Not yet, stupid!”







*"I've been thinking of joining the historical society,
but I don't want to be that sort of person."*



"Now, see here, Harley. I was forty once, and I never went through any mid-life crisis!"



“Wait. Wait. There’s an epilogue.”



*"I've been putting off getting them a wedding gift.
Somehow I didn't think it would last."*



*“My vacation on Cyprus was a pleasant surprise. Up to now,
I’d thought of it simply as a bargaining chip.”*



“Now what?”



"No matter what happens to me, just keep playing."



“Good evening. Today, three baffling mysteries were cleared up. One: where Ed Jackson, of 231 Bayview, gets his wild clothes. Two: what Ernestine Landrum, of 43 Elm Street, did with her brown-and-blue pocketbook. Three: how Jim Selby, of 181 Parkside, gets his homework done with the television blaring away.”





“Fe fi fo fum, comma . . .”



"My son sent me a nice fat check, but it bounced."



"Did anybody important get out of prison today?"



"I'd like you two to meet. Individually, neither one of you is very interesting, but together I'm hoping for a synergistic effect."



“By the way, is this your entourage or is it my entourage?”



“Martin Agronsky is eminently sane. Why can’t you be eminently sane?”





“What is today—SportsMonday or just plain Tuesday?”



*“To paraphrase the great Vince Lombardi, packaging
isn’t everything, it’s the only thing.”*



"That's not about us, is it, George?"



*"I'll have the 'Tomato
Oh My Gosh,' please."*



"Oh my gosh!"



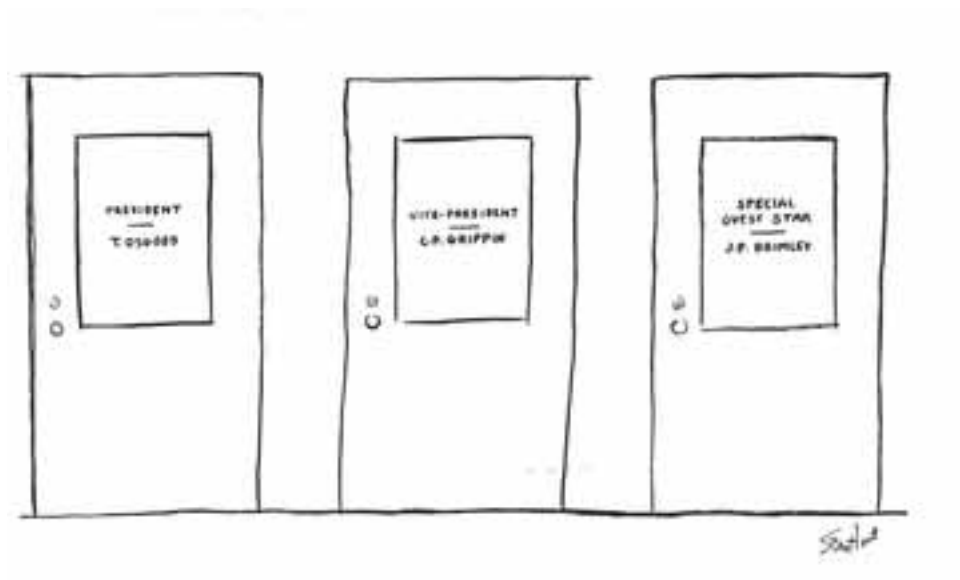


“Hi! I’m Jack Peterson, from the Environmental Protection Agency.”





*"I've forgotten, Robert. Just how many boards do
you decorate these days?"*







"And what I said about Carter goes double for Gerald Rafshoon!"



"We heat with wood. What do you heat with?"





Curtain Call

William Steig (6/12/1978)

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"I seek wisdom, humility, and media exposure."



“O.K., everybody! I’m planting the corn!”



*"We may not have averted the takeover, George, but
we certainly fought the good fight!"*



“Va-t’en!”



*"I fell in love with you the first time I heard your message
on the answering machine."*



*"Thompson, find out how many people I had to
step on to get to the top."*





“Well, tell me. Is this Aztec, Mayan, Olmec, or Toltec?”



*"Gentlemen, it is my belief that we are now out of
Part I and have entered Part II."*



*“Early on, Ed, I learned never to forget that these numbers
are honest-to-God flesh-and-blood human beings.”*



*"I'm afraid Mr. Koerner is no longer with us.
He was taxed out of existence."*



"No philosophy this morning, please. Just a shave."

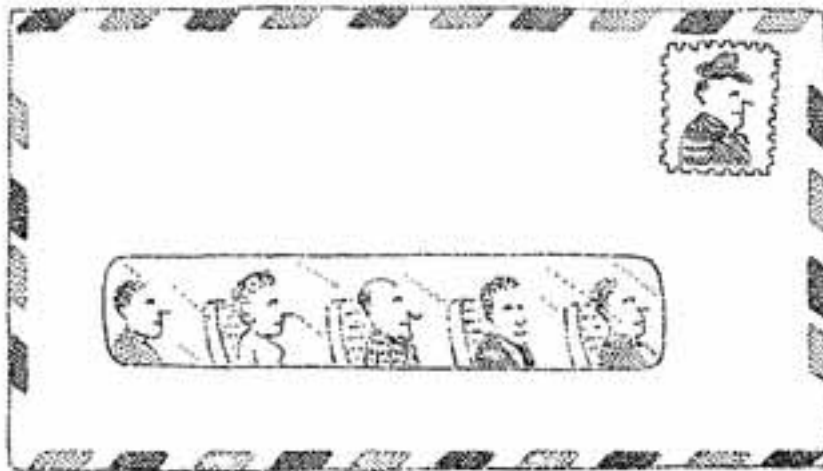


"Don't 'Hey, baby' me."



"Jules is a great believer in touching."





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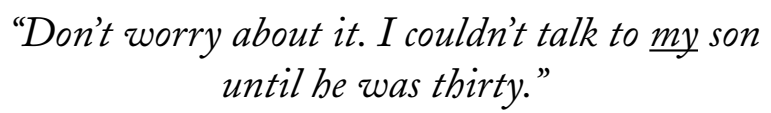
"Here's your table, sir. Just crowd right in with this fun-loving group."



*"I sometimes wish you'd stop referring to my career
as 'a hitch in the Navy.'"*



"This is how I like my energy. Straight!"



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“And finally, I’m happy to report that our special review panel has determined that this board’s failure to bring off the Trenko merger was in no way attributable to human error.”



“Meet Roy Foster and Edith Palmer. They’re married.”



*“So you think \$576.53 isn’t much money these days?
Ha. Ha. Ha. I’m laughing.”*



*"You know, Marion, one of the things that have stood
the test of time is these tassel oxfords."*



"Last night I heard a cicada."





*"I think my indictment was just and when all the facts
are known I will be proven guilty."*





“Mr. Thompson will see you shortly. He’s seething at the moment.”



*“Oh, I like it here O.K., but sometimes the barnyard
language gets me down.”*





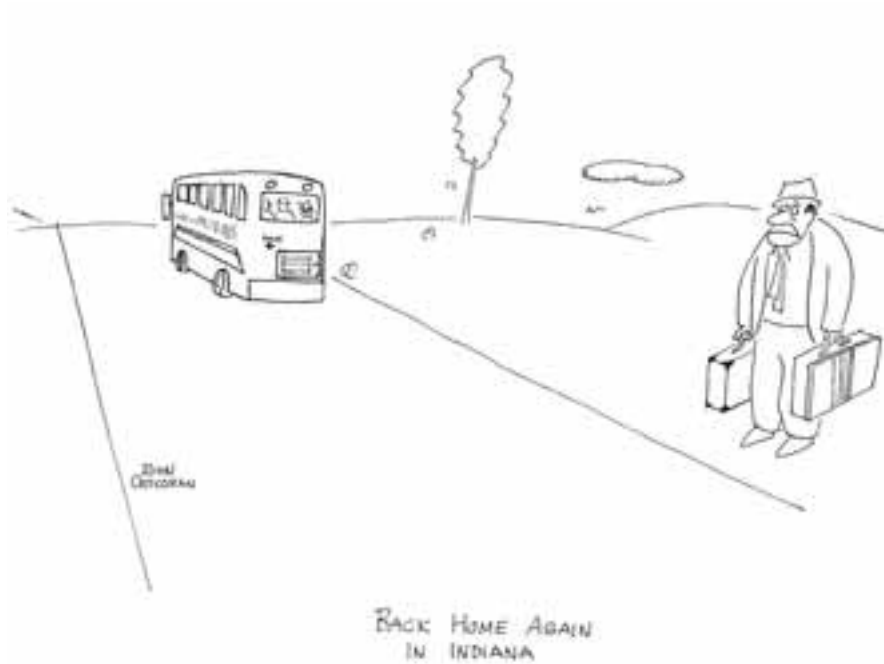
*"I've been watching you, Mr. Friedeche, and I must say
I admire the way you handle yourself with the liberals."*



C. Barsotti



"I thought it was just what the lawn needed—a touch of whimsy."





"I believe in eggs, and I think that you all believe in eggs, too!"



“What has come over you, José? Lately you seem to be exuding supportivismo.”



"Oh, good! We're both eclectic."



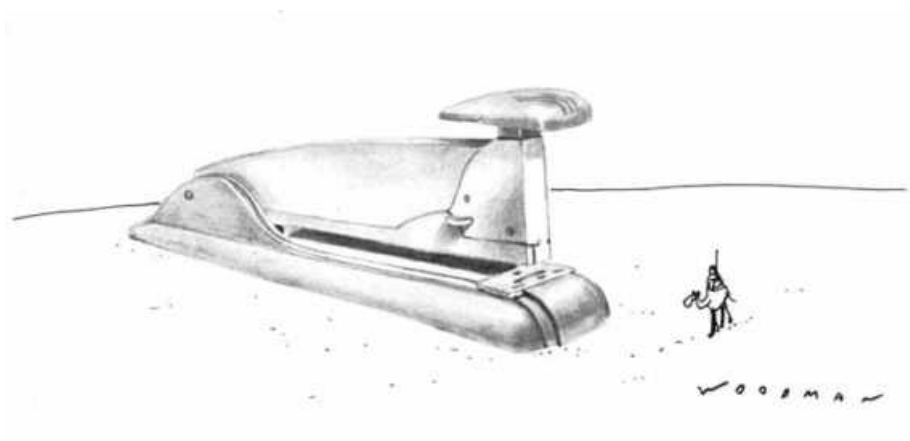
“Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Stuart Chalmers. I’ve lived in New York all my life, and I’d like to take this opportunity to share with you my views on Westway.”



Personae



"This is my new old man."





*“When you come down from your running high,
can I ask you a serious question?”*



*"I had hate in my heart for doctors and lawyers,
but apparently that was O.K."*



“Fellow-Clendonians. . .”



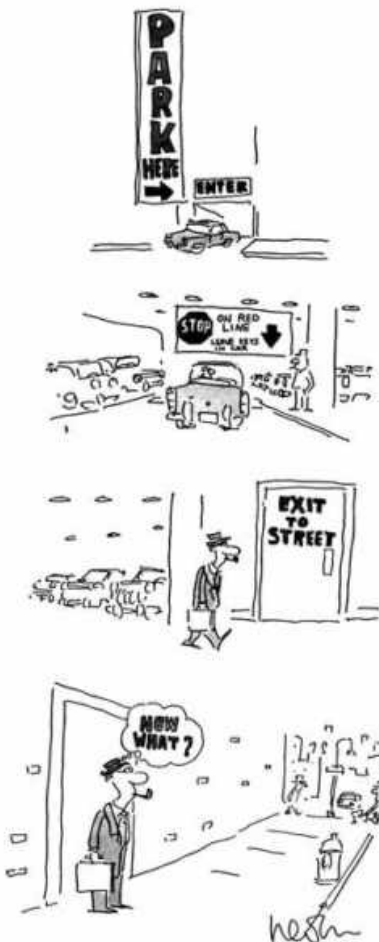
*"Don't bark at me, sir. I don't make the trouble spots,
I merely stick in the pins!"*







"Well, nobody's parfit."





"She can pet him. He kills only on command."





“Mrs. Van Lewis-Smythe, third wife of your chairman of the board, said to me this evening at the corporate hooding, and twenty people within earshot, ‘We all know what Mr. Parmalee does. He is a very important vice-president of the Hi Lee Lolly Corporation. What we are all wondering, Mrs. Parmalee, is . . . just what is it that you do? Do you do anything?’ I said, ‘Mrs. Van Lewis-Smythe, Your Grace, I fix dripping faucets around our house. I prop up sagging bookshelves. I glue broken china. I clean windows, mirrors, floors, walls, pots and pans, and dishes. I jiggle the doodads on running toilets. I repair and refinish furniture. I cane chairs. I paint and sew. I do electrical work, drive nails, saw boards, and I give birth to our babies. I wash and iron and make the beds. I prepare the meals. I get the children to school. I trim the hedge, plant and maintain a vegetable garden and flower garden. I mow the lawn, clean the basement, feed the birds, the cats, a dog, and a chicken, and I chauffeur a very important vice-president of the Hi Lee Lolly Corporation to and from the bar car every blessed day.’”





*"If the truth be known, of course, he'll eat anything
that's put in front of him."*



“What surprised me was not that we’re an endangered species but that we’re snail darters.”



"No!"

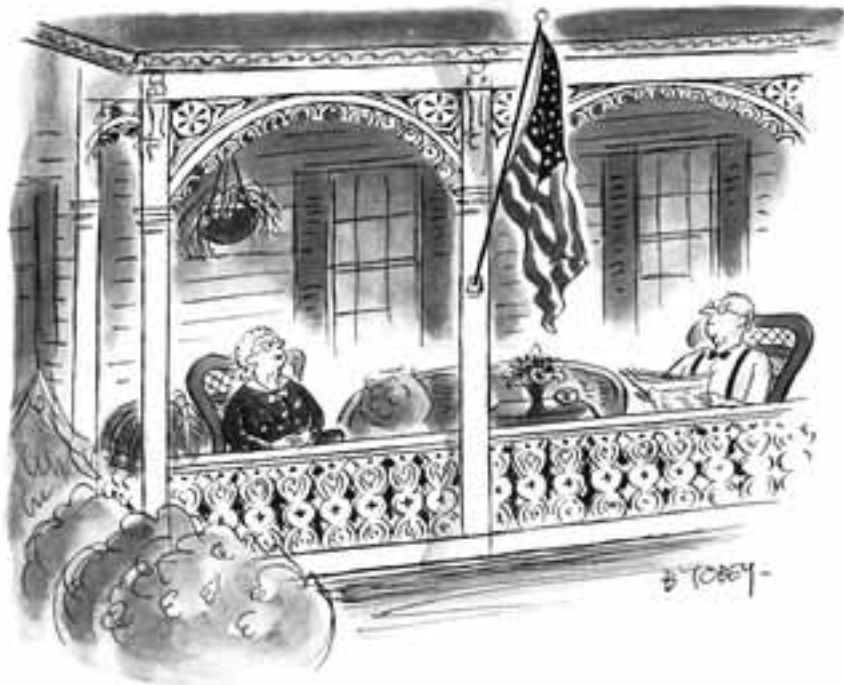


“Shall we see what Mr. Fred Silverman has in store for us?”





*“Frankly, I think they’ve been completely obnoxious
ever since they went solar.”*

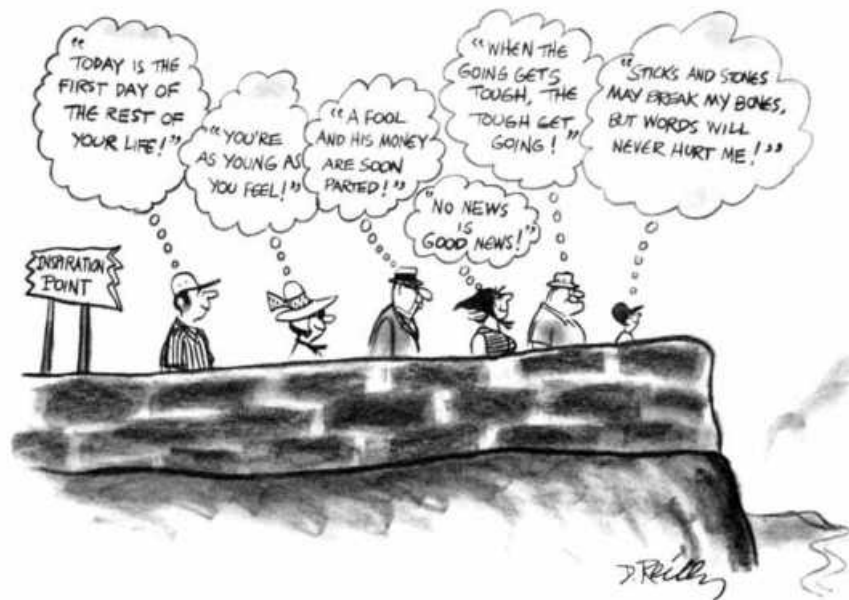


“Do you know what would be nice, Matthew? It would be nice if we had a few firecrackers.”



*"No, thank you, Rose. Rose is the Billie Jean King
of the canapés. Aren't you Rose?"*



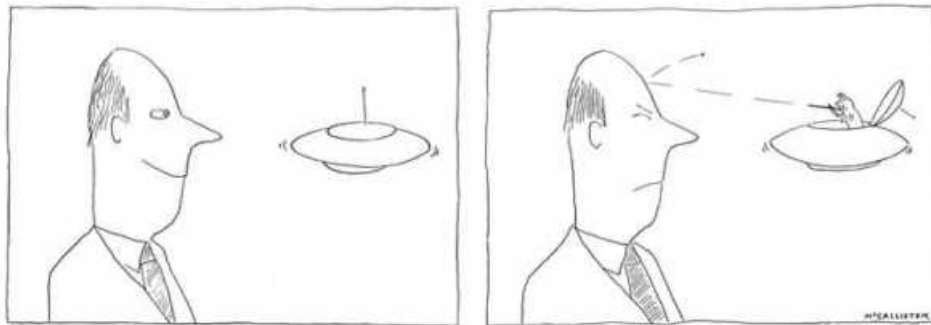




“How can you just lie there and accept continental drift?”

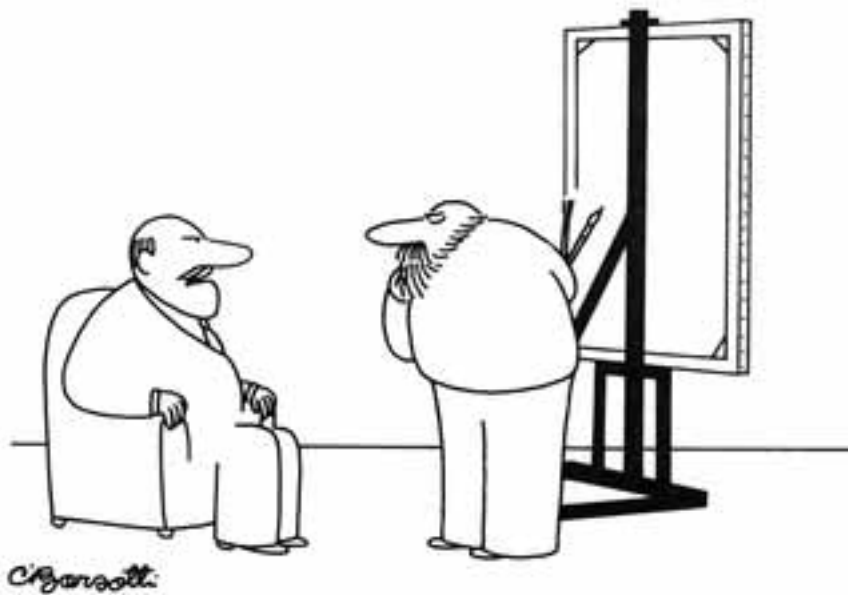


“Here you go, boys. Two Perrier-and-lime, one chilled white wine, and a Tab.”

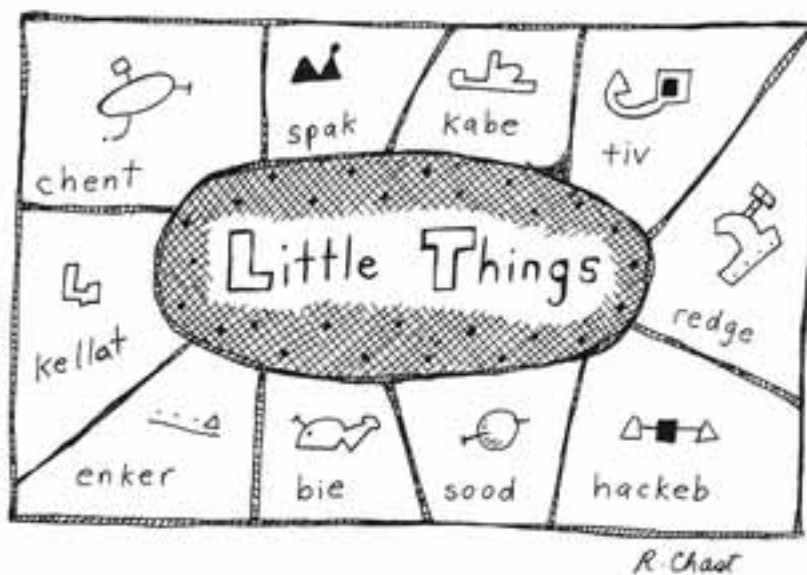




"I approve of the President's new, forceful style. But not yours."

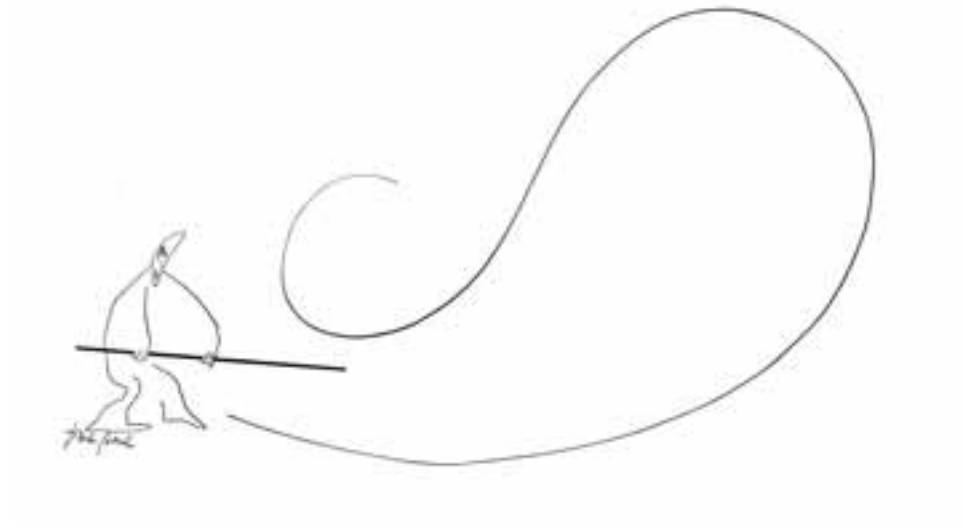


"Just paint. I'm a busy man."





"If not with me, just where do your sympathies lie?"





"I'm Ted Osborne. They say I'm harmless."



"In New Jersey today, one-point-six million dollars changed hands in brisk gambling, with losers outnumbering winners four to one. House receipts remained generally steady in most categories, at levels up two per cent over yesterday."



*“Oh, the music of the songbird, sittin’ in the trees,
The rustle of the meadow and its echo in the leaves,
The babble of the waters and the buzzin’ of the bee,
Put them all together and they’re Nature’s sym-pho-ny.”*



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From the desk of Vladimir Bronsk



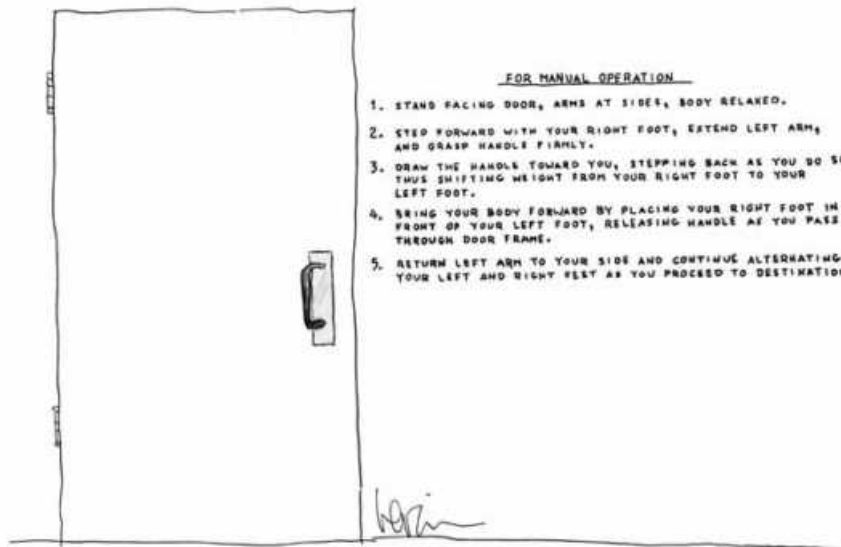
*"But I don't understand, Foster. I thought you said
we could laugh at inflation."*



*“Then, too, of course, there’s the damned human factor out there,
and that, gentlemen, can be a wily little rascal.”*



Croquet Match





*"Come in, Miss Edgerley. I have just succeeded
Mr. Crompton as your new president."*



"And what reared its ugly head today?"



"Well, so far I'd say this vacation has been a good investment."





“Am I live?”



“Stop me if you’ve heard this one.”







"Oh, stop crying, Roseberry! Your job is to come up with imaginative, innovative, and exciting ideas, and my job is to pooh-pooh them."





"Only God can make a tree, silly."



"I thought we were reducing the staff by attrition."



“You are not entitled to the Cuisinart food processor in this category, Miss Dunwoodie. You are entitled to the Patty Cake stuffed monkey.”



*"If the election were held today, which Jimmy Carter
would you vote for?"*



"You have purchased Los Angeles, my son. This is good."



“Grissen, there’s more to holding a job here than being well shod!”



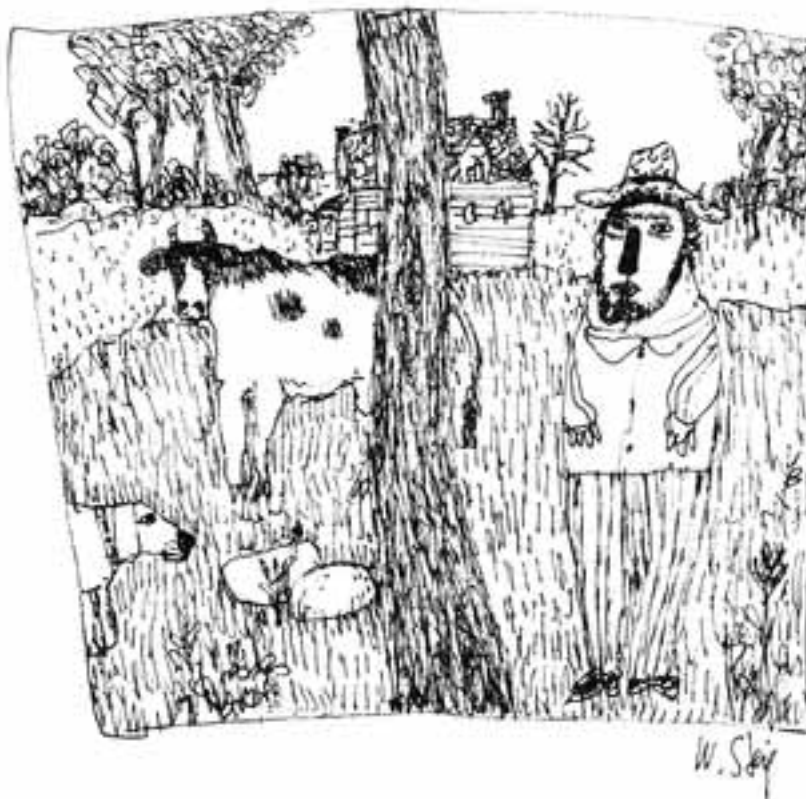
“My TV is brighter, sharper, and better-focussed than I am.”



"Good morning, Mrs. Kiley."



"The three-Martini lunch looks good."



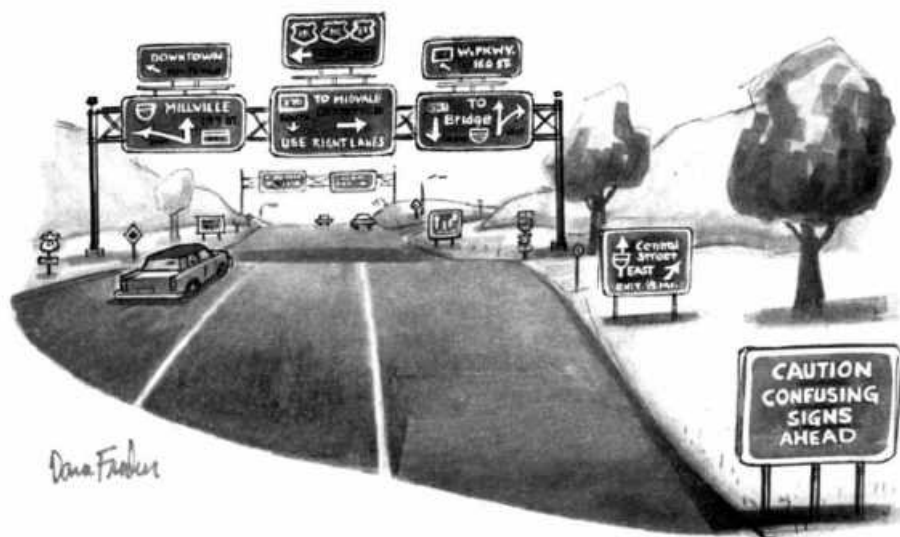
The Back Lot



“As I stated in my toasts in Peking, Moscow, Paris, and London . . .”



“Esther’s joking, of course, when she says this is the eight-hundred-and-thirty-seventh summer we’ve spent on Martha’s Vineyard.”







"Love your jargon."



"It's a baffling case, all right. I hate baffling cases."



*“People who can laugh at themselves. Marguerite,
do so and fall by the wayside.”*





Old Trysting Place



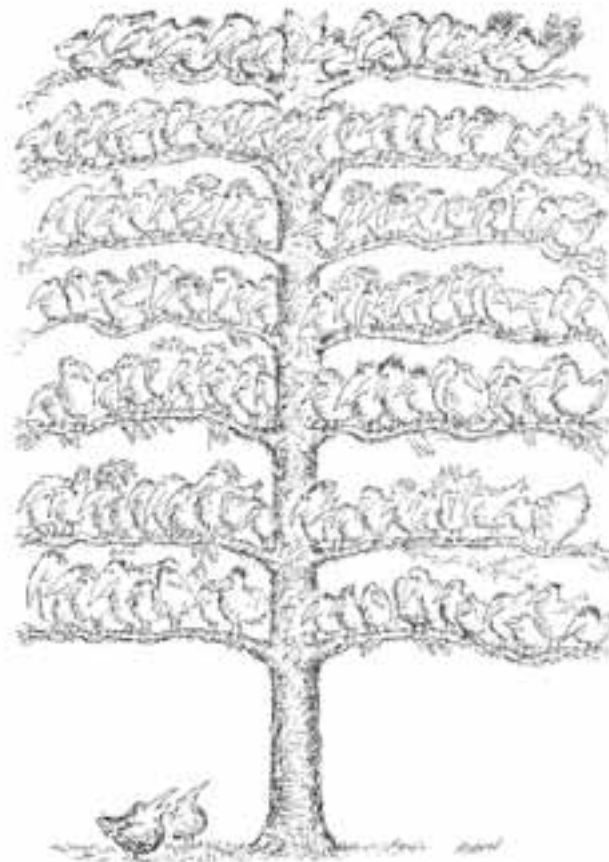
"The following is not a program. It's just TV."



"Don't have me beeped. I'll have you beeped."



"Jason won't go anywhere without his boots."



"See anyone you know?"

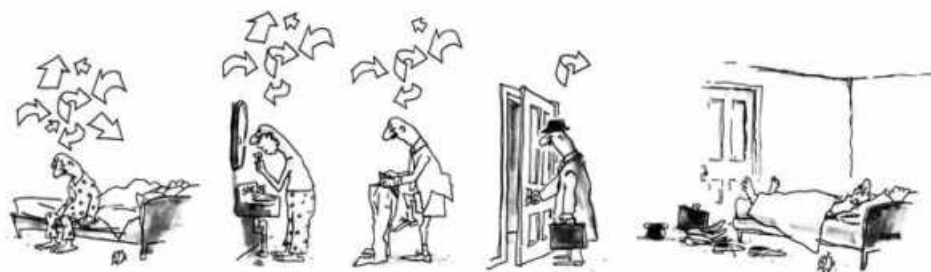




"Most of our business is done over the phone."



“Gentlemen, the fact that all my horses and all my men couldn’t put Humpty together again simply proves to me that I must have more horses and more men.”





“George, would you mind if we sat somewhere else?”

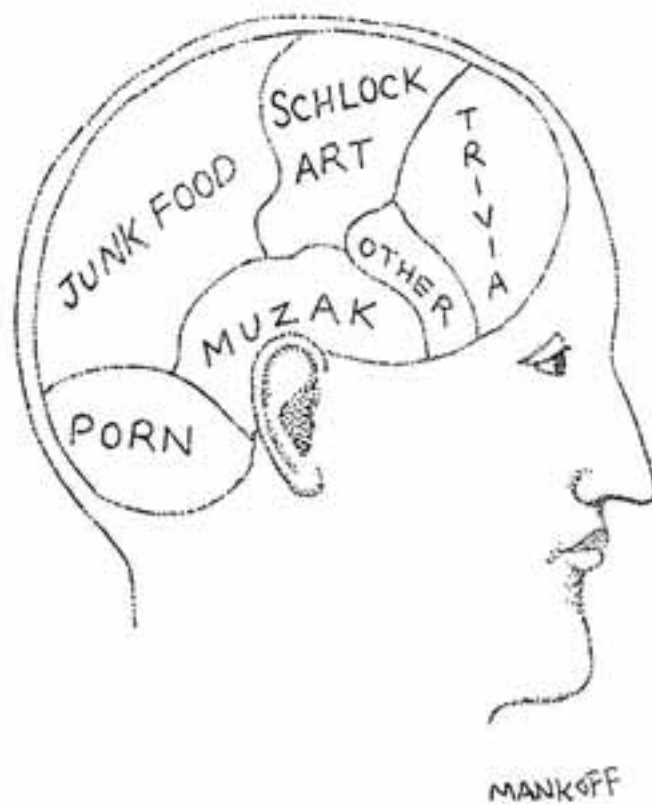




"If the larceny charge can be dropped, my client is prepared to plead guilty to the lesser charge of creating a climate of larceny."



"If I make you drink your milk you'll sue me?"





"I'll see your nickel and I'll raise you ten thousand dollars."



Bernard Schoenbaum



*"You see, it's not enough just to be eager to please,
Swanson. One must please."*



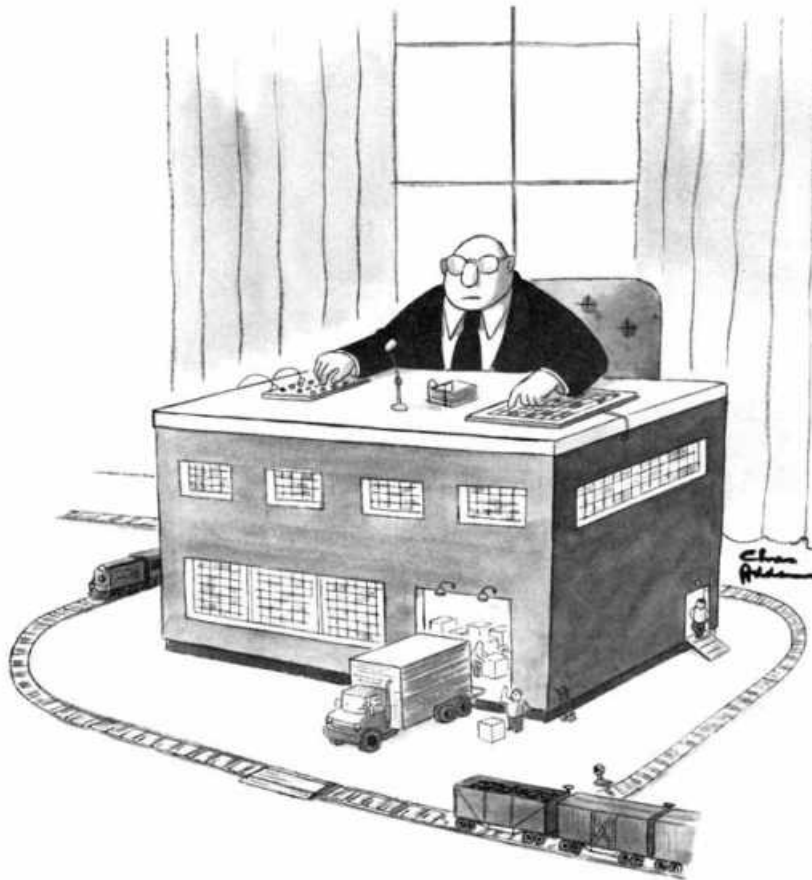
*"Goodbye, Lois. It's only a trial separation, but I know
we've got what it takes to make it work."*



"I purchased this hat here early in April with the understanding that it would soon acquire a character uniquely its own. So far it has failed to do so."

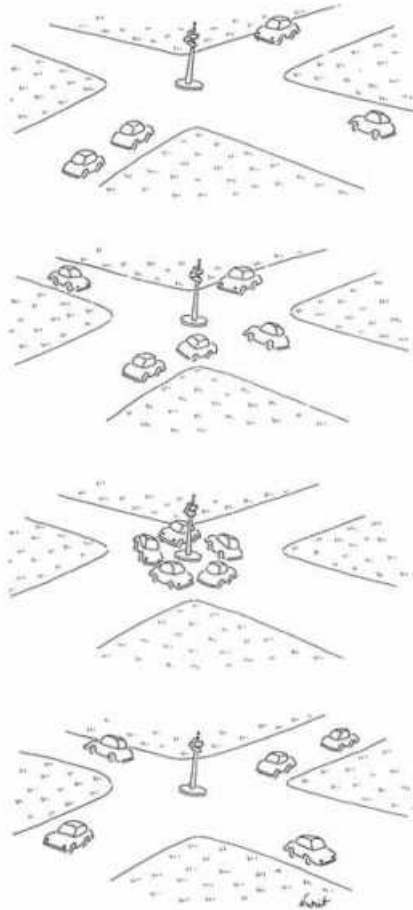


“You’re on your own. Nobody wants to go down Memory Lane with you.”





*"All those in favor of passing the added cost along
to the consumer signify by saying 'Aye.'"*





"Don't blame me. Blame the decline of liberalism."



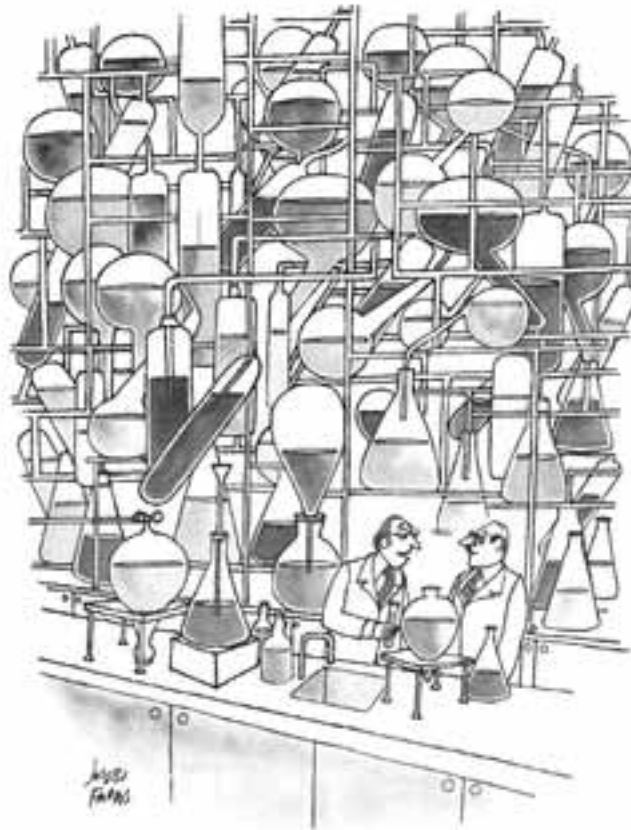
"But I digress."



"It's just an ad-hoc environment, but we love it."



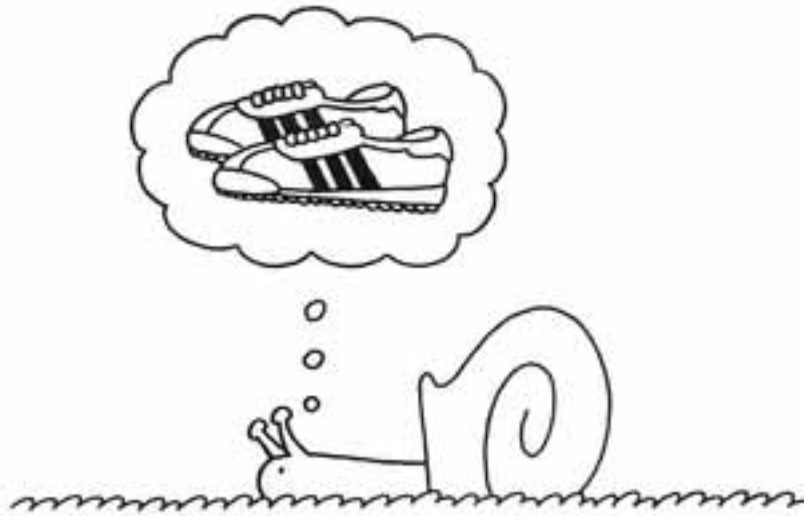
"Miss Caldwell, write twenty letters, make five Xerox copies of each, feed the whole lot into the shredder, and then, if it's five o'clock, you may go home."



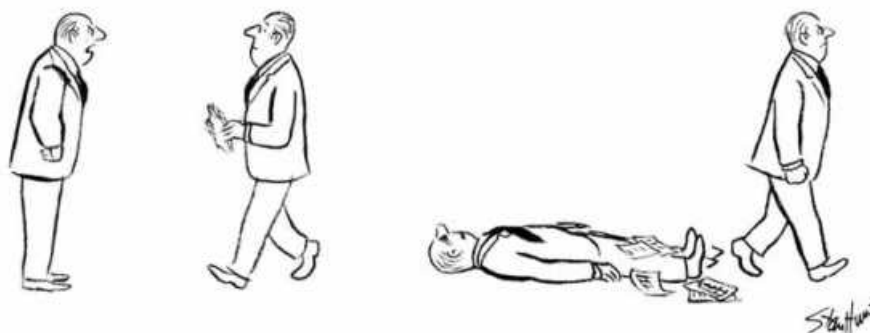
“Personally, I never take anything but aspirin.”



*“On first reading, I’d say cut back on the prickling insights
and beef up the anecdotes.”*

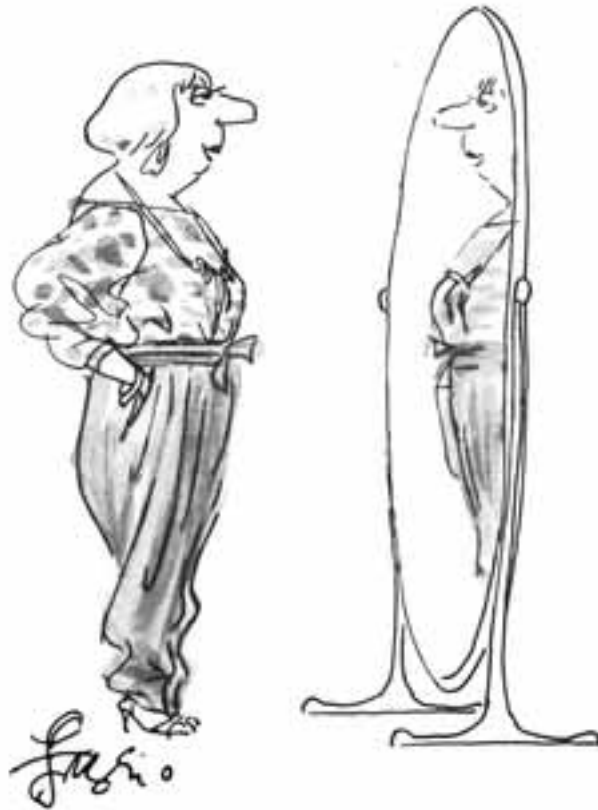


Charles Barsotti



“Give me the straight dope, Fillerby, and don’t pull any punches.”

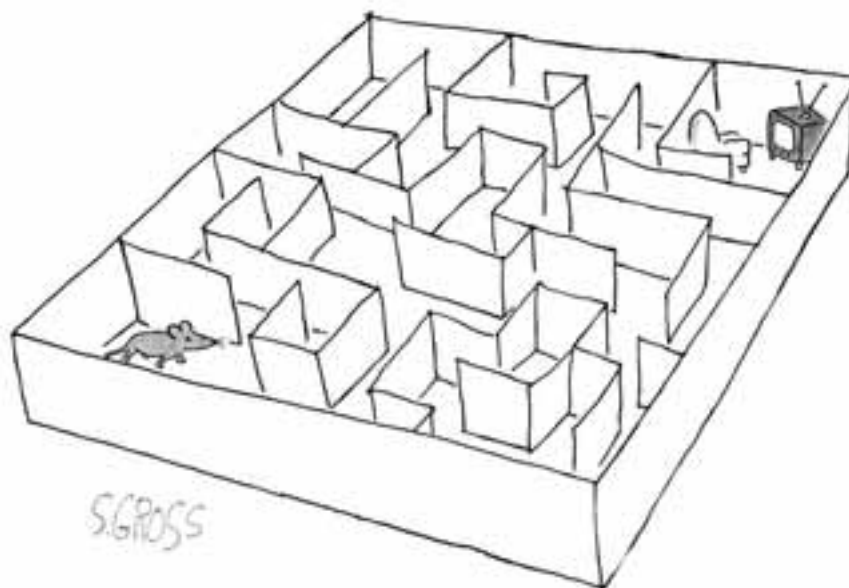




"Little Susie Miller all grown up."



*"I suppose, Muriel, that, in my own curious way,
I've always loved you."*





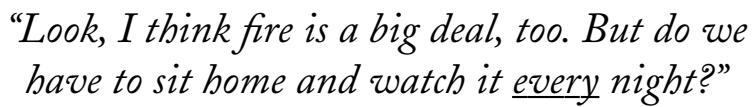
"There's someone out there who insists on being reckoned with."



"Is there no end to your treachery?"



Three Botanists



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"Oh, I'm so glad you both could come! Everyone else here terrifies me."





"Of course I'm concerned about New York, but right now I'm loaded."



“Did you ever have one of those mornings when you just couldn’t hack it? The ‘Times,’ I mean.”





"Nothing there appeals to me."



"I noticed you were showing Marsha Hornbeck your whimsical side."



"Thank you, sir, and may the dollar once again become almighty."



James Stevenson (8/7/1978)

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*"Harvey, dear, it's seven o'clock. Time to get up
and go through the motions."*



*"I'm talking blockbuster, Al. I don't
know any other language."*



"R.G., may I bounce something off you?"



*"As I read this, you paint a picture of ugliness
but you remain a man of hope."*





"Hail, Caesar! And now the news."



"I want something assertive but yet not strident, please."



"We noticed a glut of tennis camps, music camps, wilderness camps—and suddenly a real need became obvious."



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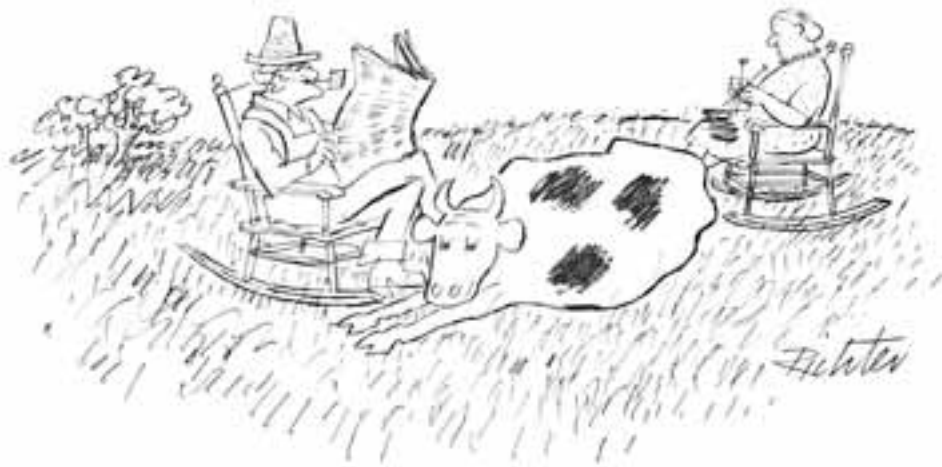


*"You know what your trouble is? Your trouble is
you're drinking the wrong beer."*





“Wait, I know what’s different. Your hair’s curlier.”





"John's a counterpuncher."







"I would like a tube of lemon yellow, cadmium red, cobalt blue, ivory, black, and zinc white, a sixteen-by-twenty canvas, a couple of brushes, and that book 'Painting in Oils'."



“As I conceive it, the new government will have a basically right-wing emphasis, with moderate-to-left overtones.”



"My buffer, Alan Monroe."



“Our task then, gentlemen, is to persuade the government that the best way to solve a problem still is to just throw money at it.”

Disco



"Well, if you did want to come in, you couldn't."



"I don't know how to cook. I always ate out."



"A. T. Comstock speaking."



Lee Lorenz (8/14/1978)

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*“Tell Bob Donnelly about B.T.U. loss in relation to
insulating materials while I get a refill.”*





*“You know, Henry, I’d never think of feeding
the pigeons in Central Park!”*





“Generations of our people have sat by the sea, my son. When you are older and have sat by the sea, you will understand.”



*"Do you know what your problem is? You can only
move one square at a time."*



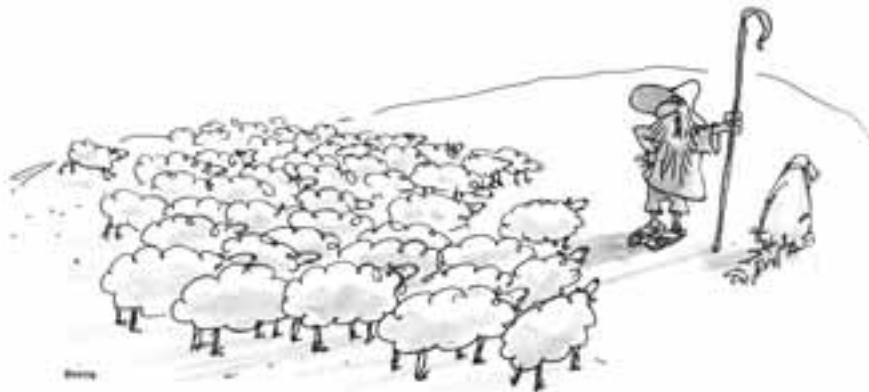
*“Life can be good, I’ve found. It all depends on the product,
the media mix, and the demographics.”*



Momentary View from a Railroad Train



"I'm sorry, this is the West African desk, but I can take a message for the Central European desk."



"Thank you for your prompt coöperation."





“Oil, oil, oil! Doesn’t anyone ever talk about baseball anymore?”

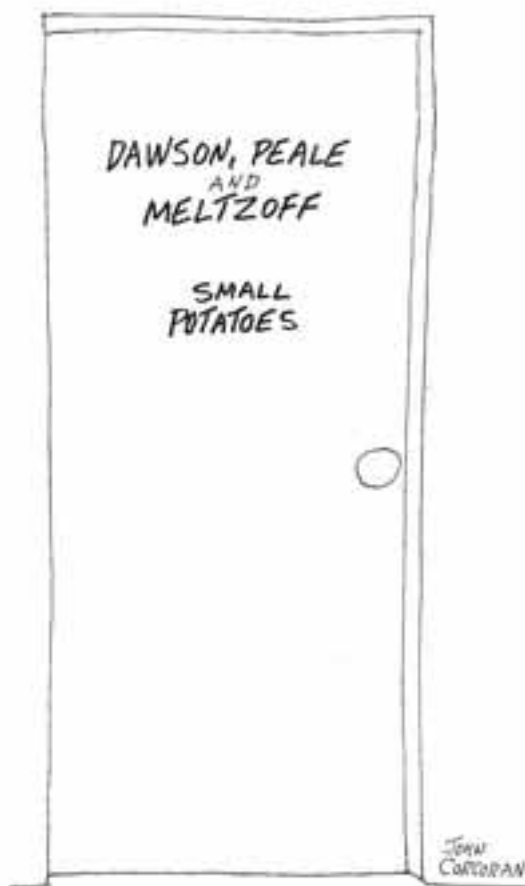


"Sorry, lady, there's no one here named Tex."



"I'll tell you what we're looking for here, Dunsworth. We're looking for people who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty."









“Be a dear, Linda, and ask Preston to fix something. He got a Swiss Army knife for his birthday.”



"I do not love this car. I do, however, have a great deal of respect for it."



"Oh, and your wife called. The children are about to leave the nest, and she wants to know if you can find time to say goodbye."



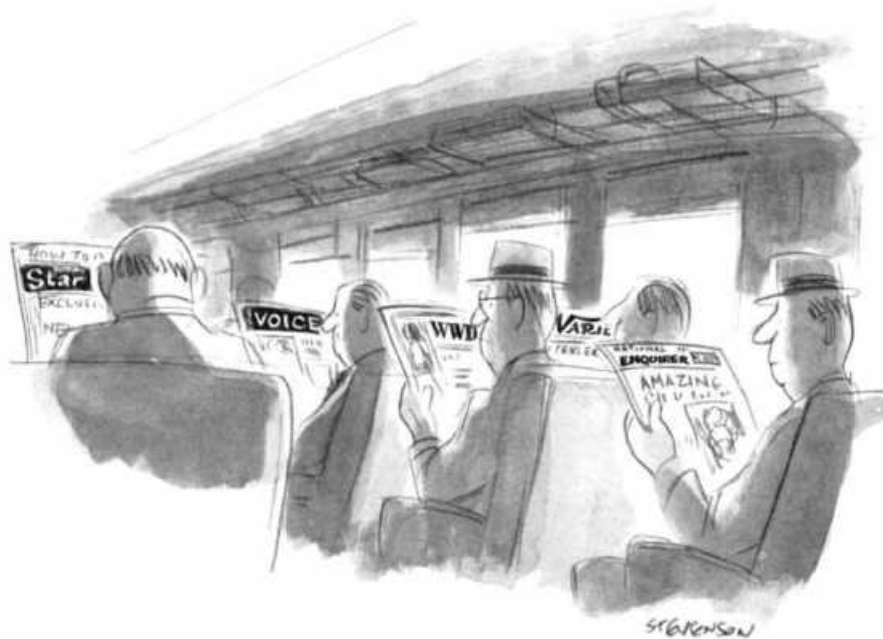
Influx of Evil



“Before we start, I think you should know we’re surrounded by poison ivy.”



"Your Honor, my client pleads guilty to being misled by his advisers."





"Of course, you're the final arbiter, sir."

THE TRIP (1 OF 3)



Driving back to Hartford one summer day, not on 90 but the back way through Claggett's Bridge, Grayson Thomas was tense at the wheel.



He hadn't written up a single policy on the entire swing through Pittsfield, but the still, sultry afternoon seemed to be calling him. There was plenty of time. Mr. Thomas pulled off the road and stopped.



Below him, overlooking the Nausetucket Valley, was a small grove of birches, and he walked down through the waving grasses, sat under the flickering shadows of the branches, and closed his eyes.

Softly, so softly he was barely surprised to discover he was not alone, a voice asked, "Tell me of your quest, please."
"Quest?" said Mr. Thomas. "Quest? I sell insurance."



THE TRIP (2 OF 3)



Then he opened his eyes. Sitting beside him was a gossamer figure, translucent in the golden summer light. She was beautiful.

"A seller of insurance!" she repeated in a melifluous, lilting voice. "Oh, what wonderful secrets you must know!"



"Actuarial tables are what I know," said Mr. Thomas. "Life expectancy. Accident risks. Incidence of arson." He sighed. She drew back in awe. "Life! Death! The future! How great is the knowledge of your tables!" she cried.



"Male children born today will live to be sixty-nine," said Mr. Thomas, in spite of himself. "Teen-age boys will probably have an automobile accident of some kind."

THE TRIP (3 OF 3)

She sank to the earth on her knees and took his hands. "Oh, let me come with you and learn your wisdom," she said. "Let me be with you and be your disciple, your friend. Let me stay by your side under the stars and hear of the miraculous adventures who guide you!"



"I'll tell you what," said Mr. Thomas, pulling out one of his cards. "Give me a ring at the office, and maybe we can have lunch. I've really got to get a move on."



Grayson Thomas made it back to Hartford by four-thirty. He walked purposefully to his desk and slipped a sheet of paper into the typewriter. "Expenses of Trip," he wrote. "Solid prospect, Claggett's Bridge. Disbursements..."



"I would like to play for you now a song of my people."



"We've had the T-shirts made, gentlemen. The question now is, shall we wear them?"



"Personally, I find Edgar very refreshing."



"Hi! I'm all natural."





"Dear Harold, by the time you play this videotape cassette, I will be far, far away."



"Not only is the fence beautiful, it's electric."



“Reading left to right: That’s me with my first wife. Then there’s Mary, my second wife, and me. Then Linda, the children, and me. And the last one is just me at the Catskills.”





"Adventure's my game."



"Certainly you may quote me. I'm oft-quoted."



"Sit. Roll over. Play dead. Good dog!"



“Actually, he’s mad at President Carter, Secretary Blumenthal, George Meany, Mayor Koch, and me.”



The Three Franellinis



*"I'm glad to see Harry Reasoner looks the same on
CBS as he did on ABC."*



*"There is a perfect
example of what is
wrong with this
country today."*

*"There is a perfect
example of what is
wrong with this
country today."*



“Oh, no! You mean this is it?”

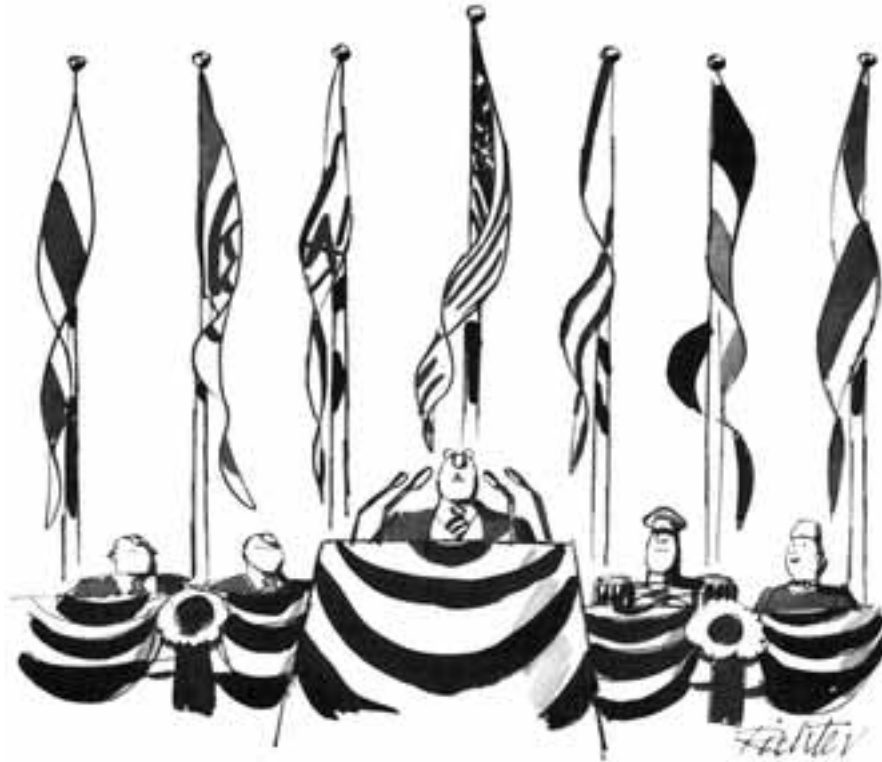


*"Newspaper reporters always describe Hereford as unflappable.
Newspaper reporters don't live with Hereford. I do. He's not."*

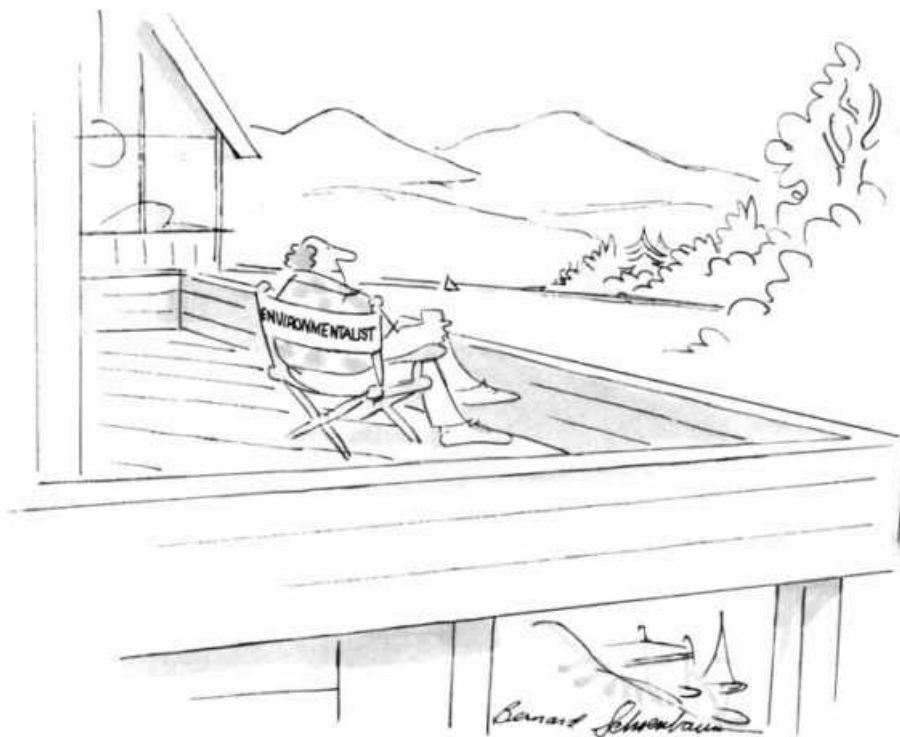


"The only thing I believe in is my Volvo."



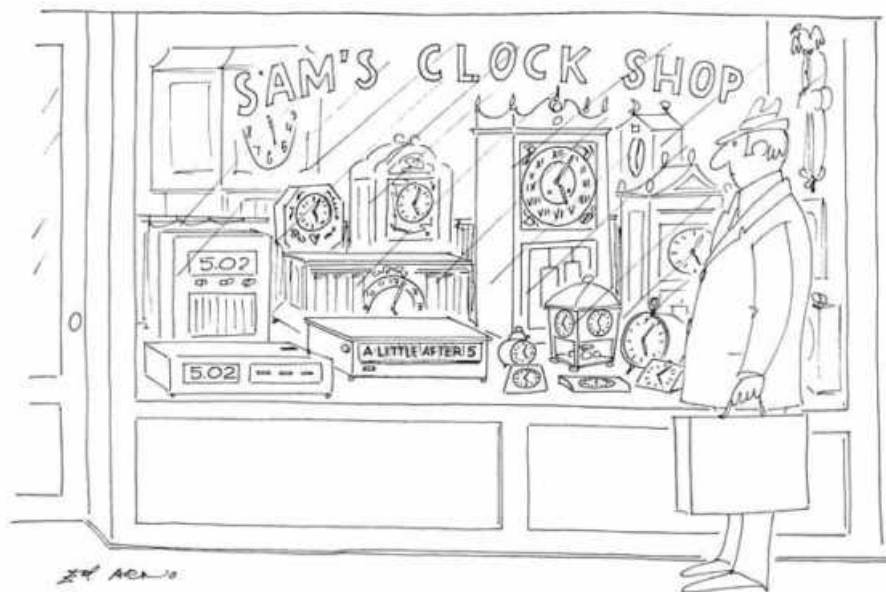


“Your Majesty, Mr. President, Your Eminence, Your Royal Highness, Mr. Ambassador, Madam Chairperson, Your Excellency, distinguished clergy, most gracious host, fellow-delegates, loyal supporters, comrades-in-arms, honorable fellows, most generous sponsors, honored patrons, distinguished guests, kind friends, fellow-countrymen, ladies and gentlemen—And now I see my time is up.”





"Oops, sorry! Wrong room!"





"All right, Bostock! Shape up or ship out!"

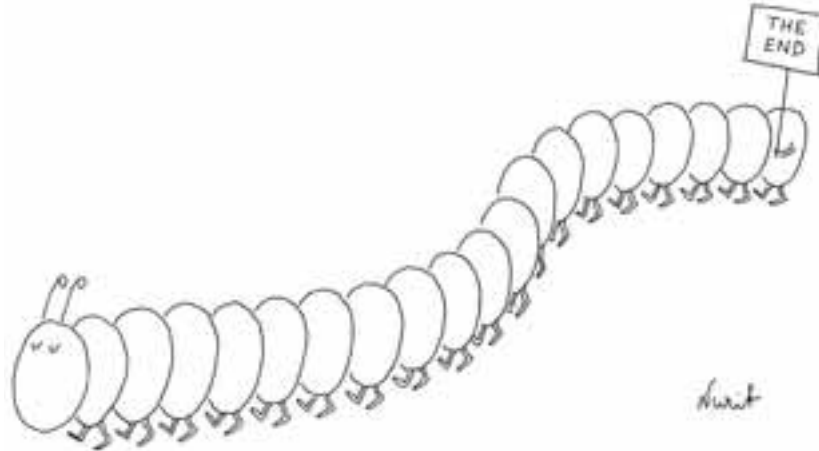




"He'll be back right after the street lights are turned on."



"What are you in the mood for?"





“Shall I issue that as a simple denial or as a categorical denial?”





*"Aren't you the McClory party that chartered the
Liza Belle for tuna fishing?"*





"You know what I'd like to do today? Axe everybody."



“Alden, which of the five senses do you value most?”



*“There goes Professor Wagner, whose weak scholarship
is balanced by his mighty tenure.”*

ARE YOU HAPPY? (1 OF 9)



“What are you like when you’re angry?”

ARE YOU HAPPY? (2 OF 9)



“Why can’t you accept intimacy?”

ARE YOU HAPPY? (3 OF 9)



"Do I satisfy your needs?"

ARE YOU HAPPY? (4 OF 9)



“Don’t you think we could stay friends?”

ARE YOU HAPPY? (5 OF 9)



“How can someone as wonderful as you not like yourself?”

ARE YOU HAPPY? (6 OF 9)



“Why is your work always more important than our relationship?”

ARE YOU HAPPY? (7 OF 9)



“Don’t you love being spontaneous?”

ARE YOU HAPPY? (8 OF 9)



"What is it you want? Just tell me. What is it you want?"

ARE YOU HAPPY? (9 OF 9)



“Do you think you should be getting professional help?”



“Good Lord! Is summer over already?”



The Sculptor and his Marble



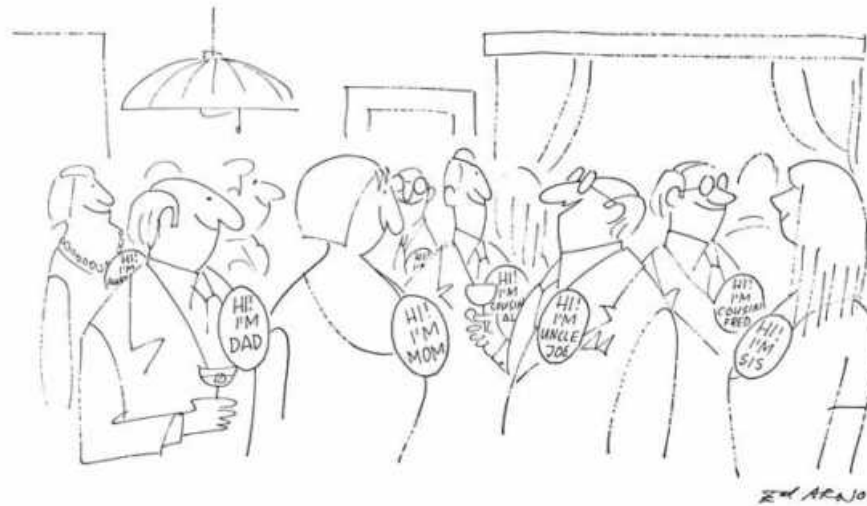
"I'm going into town. Do you need anything?"





"A toe-tapping medley of bluegrass favorites goes with the fried grits and collard greens."







*"Miss Hill, if anyone calls, tell him I'm going over something
with a fine-tooth comb."*





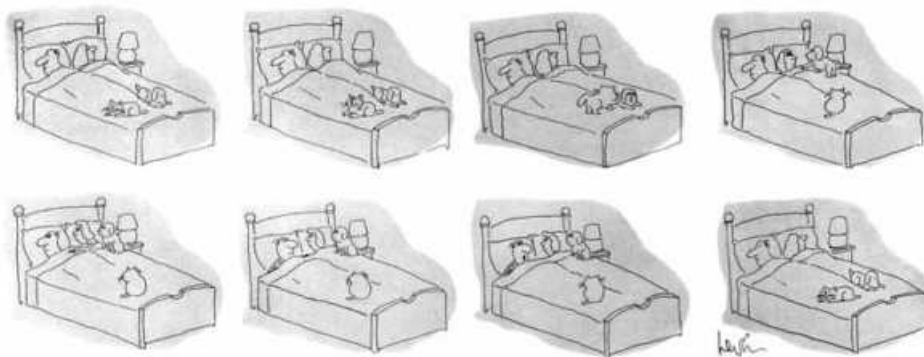
*"My, my, Mr. Kessler. That certainly is a nasty side effect
you've got there."*



"Well, we lost. On the other hand, we did beat the point spread."



*“Isn’t it amazing—everybody has everybody’s number
and yet everything keeps going along.”*



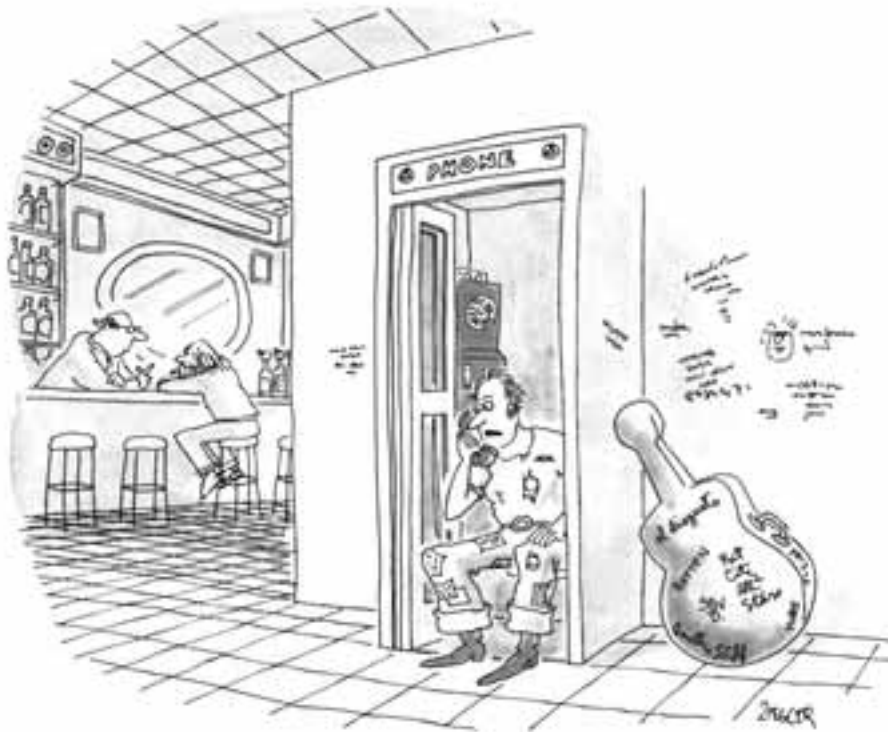
"It's only the wind."



A Haven in the City



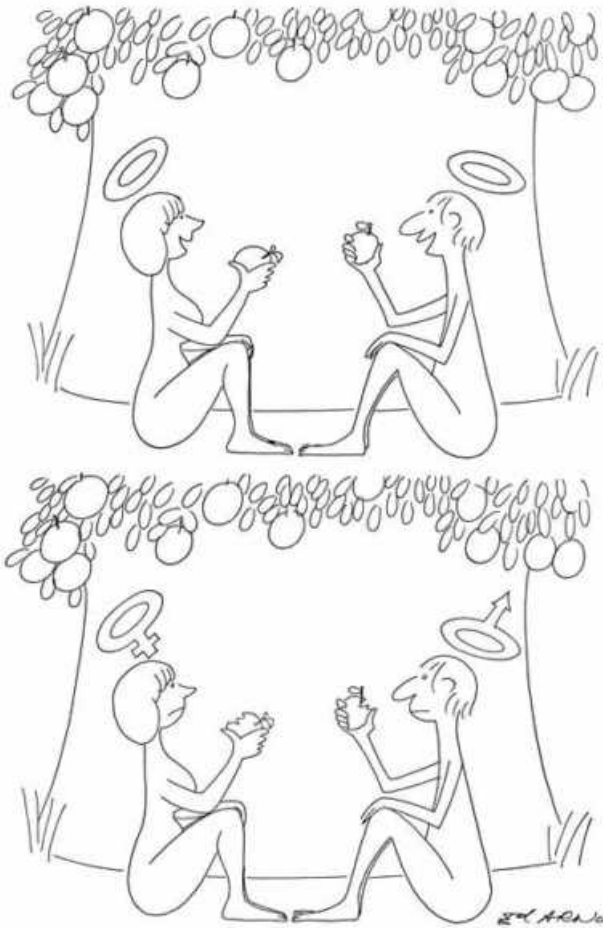




"Hello, Mom? It's me. Punk rock just died, so I'll be home in about fifteen minutes, O.K.?"



"Say, did we tell you guys? Anne and I are considering having our entire correspondence microfilmed."





*"Isn't it wonderful that I'm so angry at women and
you're so angry at men!"*



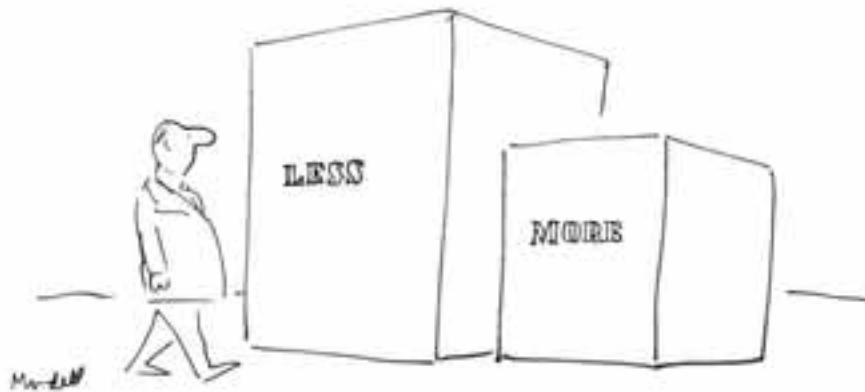
“And who, may I ask, determined that a dry Martini is a frill?”



"Ground floor. Watch your step."



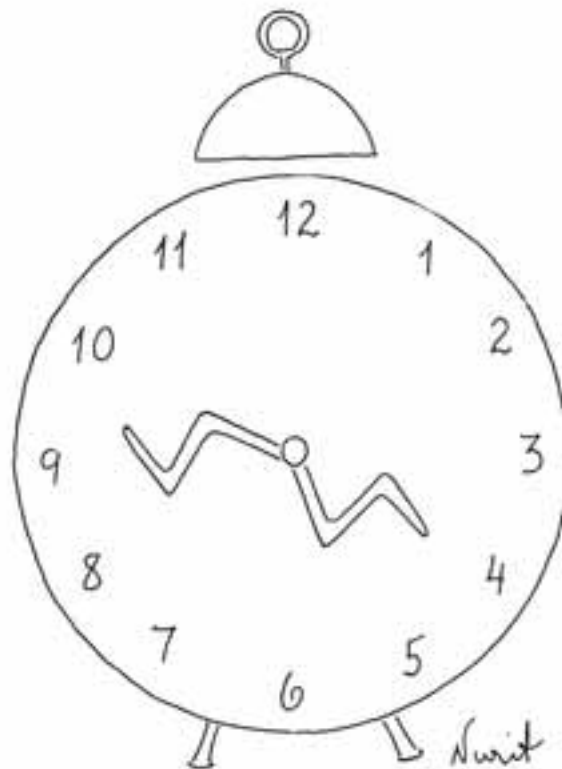
George Booth (9/18/1978)







“Edna! How could you think for a moment that I’d be capable of any shenanigans, except at the corporate level?”





“Are you questioning my methodology, Mac?”



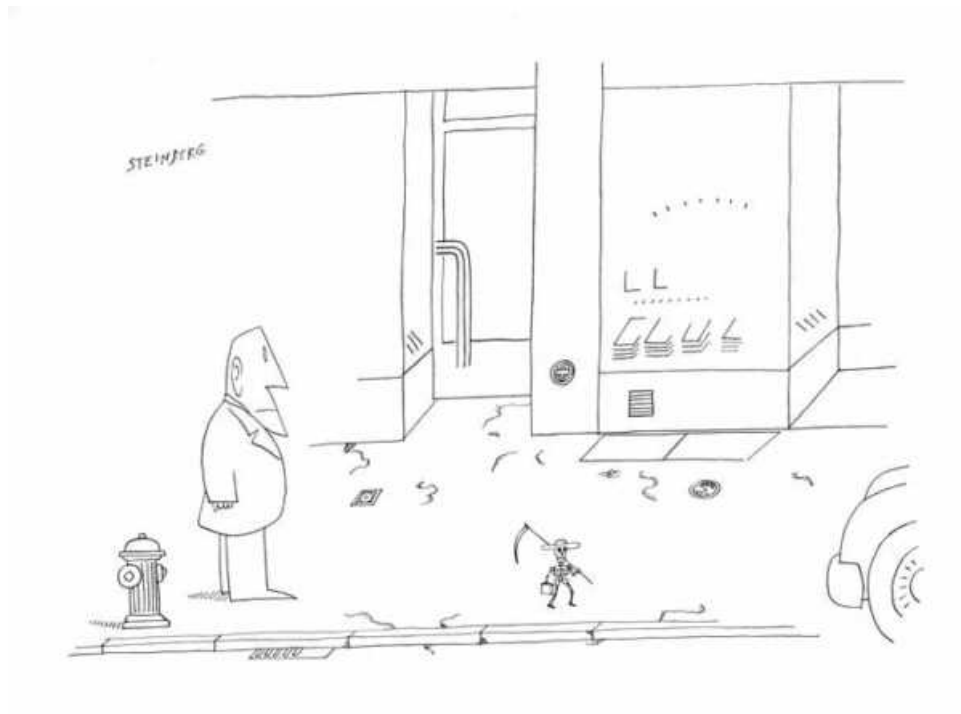
“Oh, I like nature, too, but not, you know, ‘au naturel.’”



"I think that you are potentially a marvelous person. I think I am, too."



“When they put this show on a cassette, let’s make sure we don’t buy it.”



Saul Steinberg (9/25/1978)

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The Good Sister, the Bad Sister, and the Duck

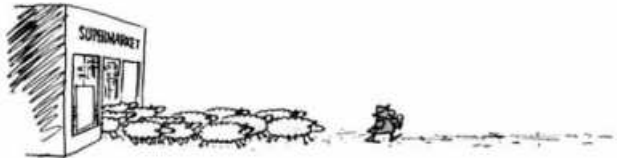


"Miss Attwood, take this measured response out and measure it."





"Tell us, if you can, William, how you feel about first grade."





"Yes, Ralph here is my power base."



*“Not central to my thinking, Granby, but I think
it’s beginning to rain.”*



"You may have noticed that he never feels 'too queasy' when it comes time to plunder, sack, and ravage."







“Well, gentlemen, shall we join the lesser dignitaries?”



"With you, I think I've found a maximization of experience."



*“Do you sell anything that doesn’t have middle-class
written all over it?”*



"I'll be in my study, surrounded by my books."



“By the way, I told my wife that amusing story you told me yesterday. She thought it was funny, too.”



*“Why, what a lovely invitation! Harve and I are
in the mood for a party.”*



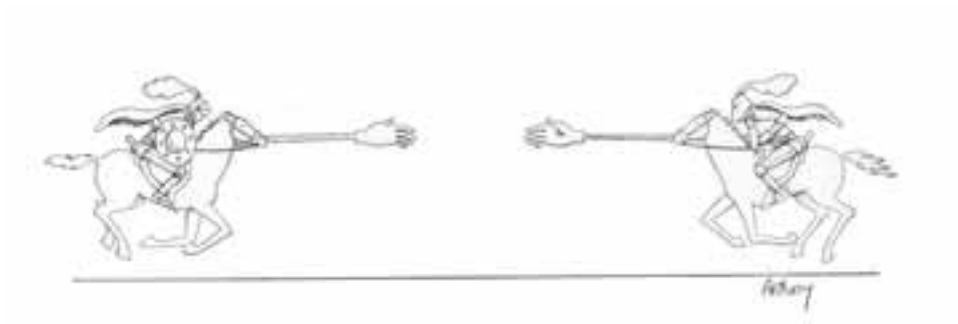
*“Spain—overrated. France—overrated. Switzerland! Germany!
Belgium! England! Italy! All overrated!”*



"We're a Mercedes on my mother's side."



"Fantastic! He usually doesn't talk to strangers at all."



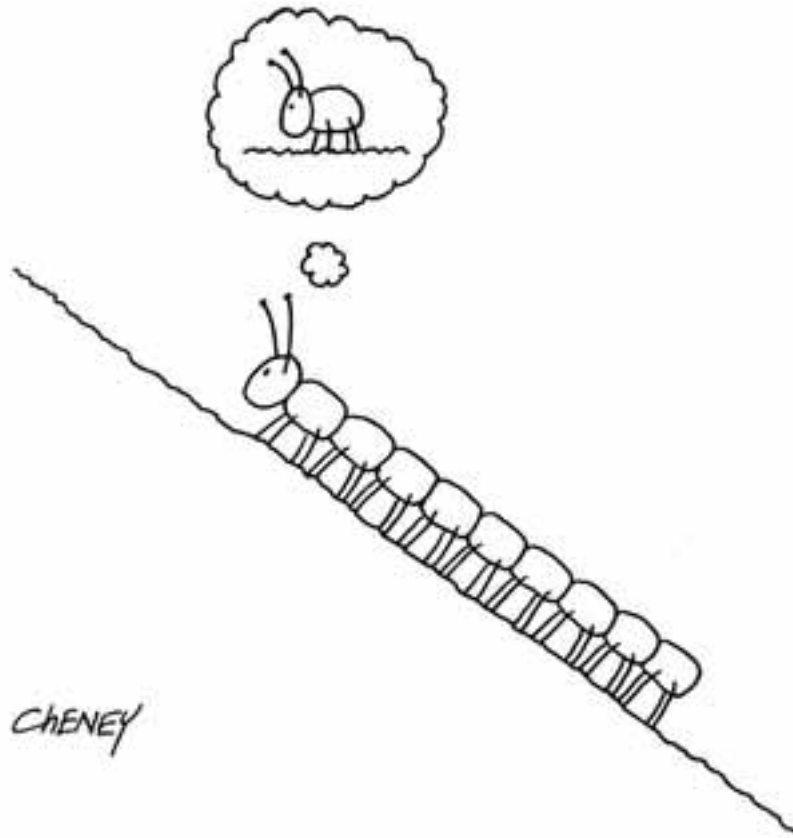


"We mustn't forget the saltwater taffy for Aunt Edith."





“Gosh, Dad, this is keen! Can I keep it when you’re through with it?”





*“Kingsley says if he were President he’d tell Congress
to either put up or shut up.”*



"Thank you, folks, thank you. And now I'd like to dedicate this next number to all my wonderful fans out there who have been so good to me over the years. It's a favorite of mine, goes by the name of Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major, and it sounds something like this."



"I see a brilliant, attractive executive in her middle years. Witty, vivacious, a gourmet cook, and the divorced mother of two children."



"You certainly make a wonderful first impression."



“For best viewer supporting an actor or actress in a continuing drama or comedy series, the winner is—”

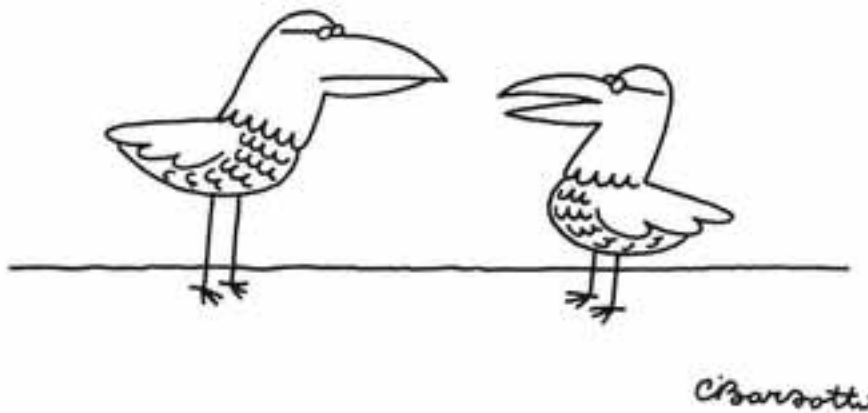


"How's this for fun?" "Pretty darn good, I'd say."

JUST IN PASSING



R. Chast



“Trouble, J. R. Everyone in Accounting is molting.”



*"It's a farewell dinner. We're going to say au revoir
to fresh garden vegetables."*



"Bavoom!"



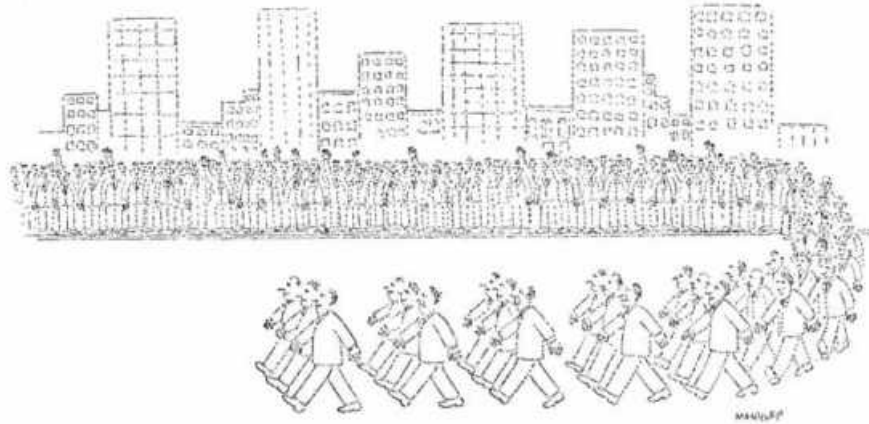
"Hossman, I hate to tell you this, but the board has decided not to move to the Sun Belt."

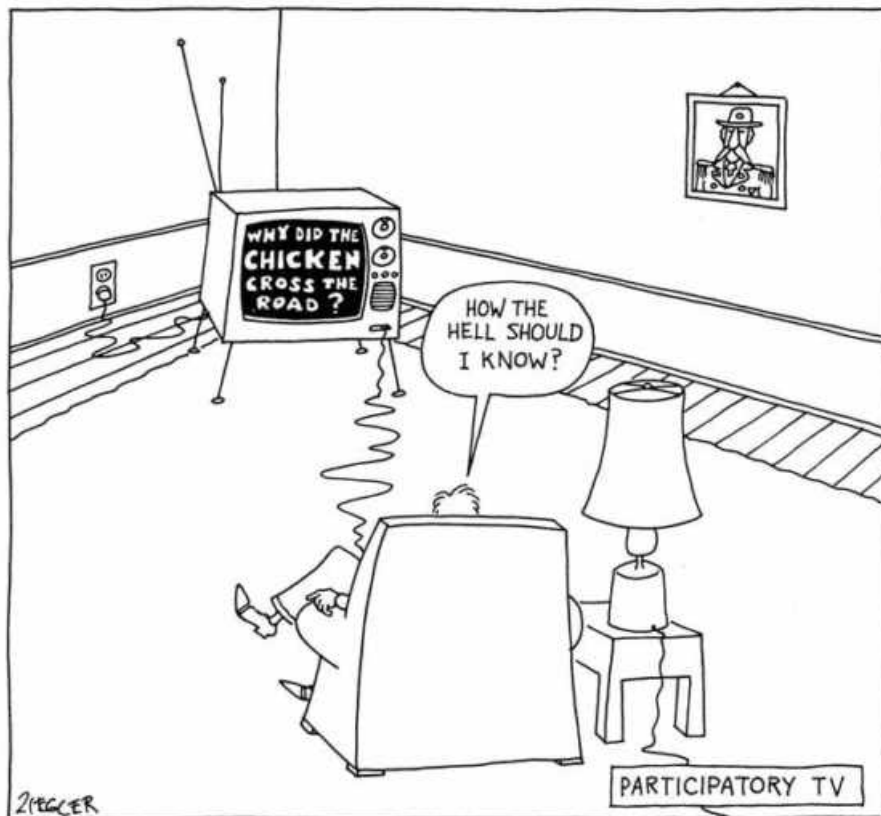


"I'm sorry, Travers, but I'm going to have to let you go."



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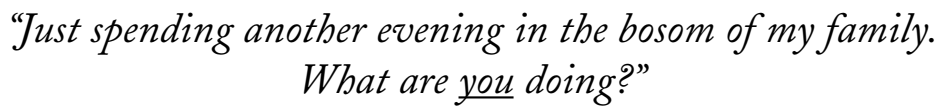
"Eureka! The E.P.A. willing."



"I came from Cleveland, but that's not where I'm coming from now."



"I'm sure our firm can handle your campaign, Senator, but first we have to answer the question 'Who are you?'"





"This was my third choice. I wanted an ivy-covered college!"



"My, he certainly is husky!"



"I like it. I really do. It combines a masculine feel of medieval strength with a delightful sense of play in the portcullis treatment."



"He has a very gruff exterior, and also a very gruff interior."



"Relax, fella. We'll get to you."





*“You, you, and you over there! Start singing
‘For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow!’”*



The New Iconography





"Howard is my firstborn, and my masterpiece."





"I feel lucky today."



*"Hear ye, hear ye, hear him, hear me, hear them, hear who,
hear what, hear where, hear why . . ."*





"I'm sorry, but that one was too close to call."



"The strike has been particularly hard on Raoul and me. We're newsmakers."



A Walk in the Provinces



"This man's name is George Hancock. Will his future be one of dynamic, excitingly meaningful service in our nation's capital, or one of defeat, a nine-to-five job, and stagnation in suburbia? Your vote could make the difference. Help send this man to Congress!"

MARRIAGE (1 OF 9)



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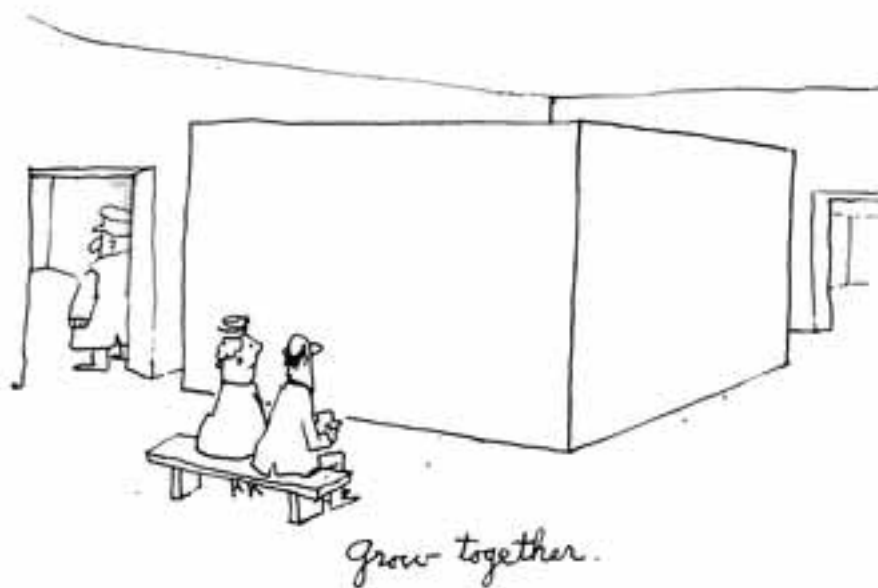


*Take it easy
with the
after-shave.*

MARRIAGE (3 OF 9)



MARRIAGE (4 OF 9)



MARRIAGE (5 OF 9)



There is much loose talk
going around about
polygamy.
Ignore it.

MARRIAGE (6 OF 9)

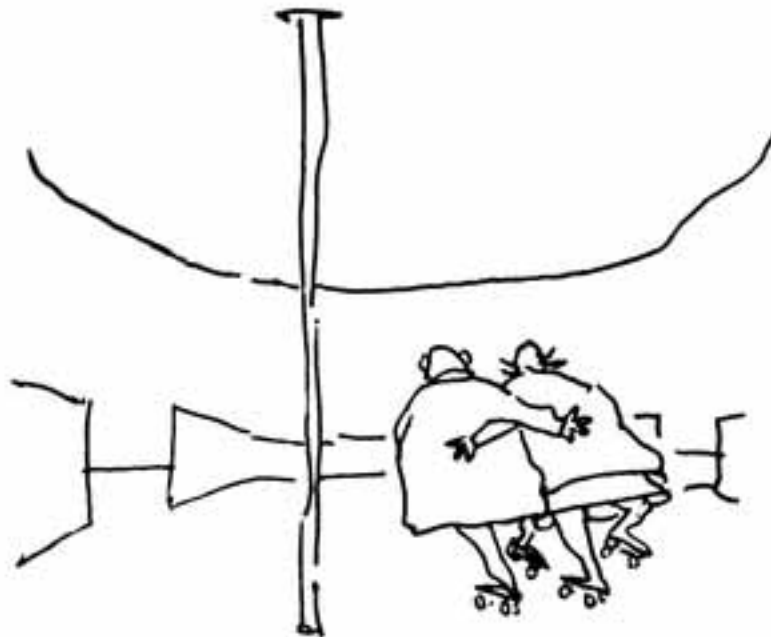


MARRIAGE (7 OF 9)



In the ideal marriage both partners are vulnerable.

MARRIAGE (8 OF 9)



*Take time to
fall in love again.*

MARRIAGE (9 OF 9)





"Some women to see you, Anne."



"A gaggle of geese."



"Gorgeous day! Puts one in the mood for a landmark decision."



“While you were out: Mongol hordes swept across Asia. Dempsey K.O.’d Firpo. The cow jumped over the moon. Sherman took Atlanta. Vander Meer pitched a no-hitter. Jazz came up the river . . .”



"Guess where my Guccis took me today."





"Wallpaper?"



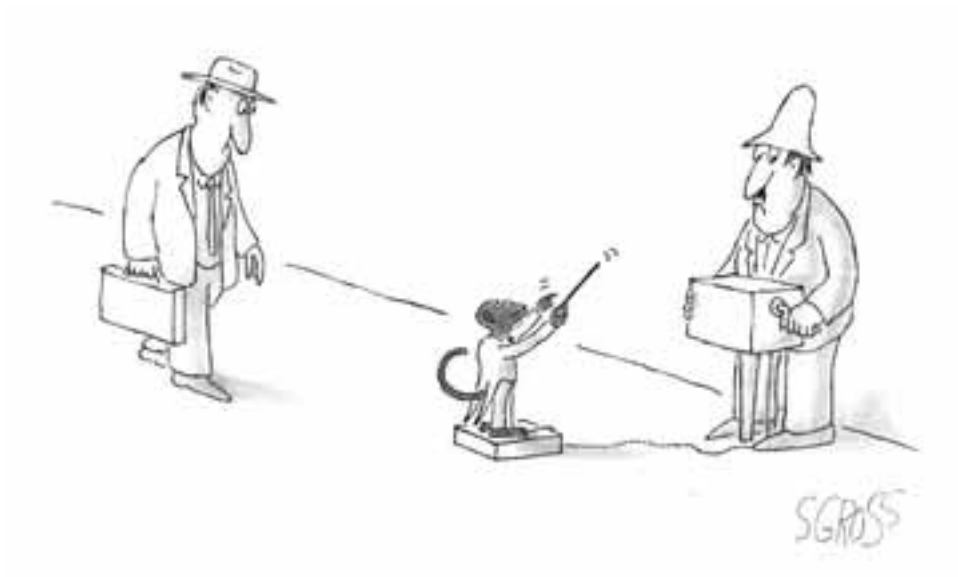


"I finally realized what I hated about Edmond. He's seamless."





"Say what you will, the thrill is still there."





*"Hi, I'm Harry Phillips. I have never run for office
and never intend to run for office."*





"On second thought, let's drive on a bit."



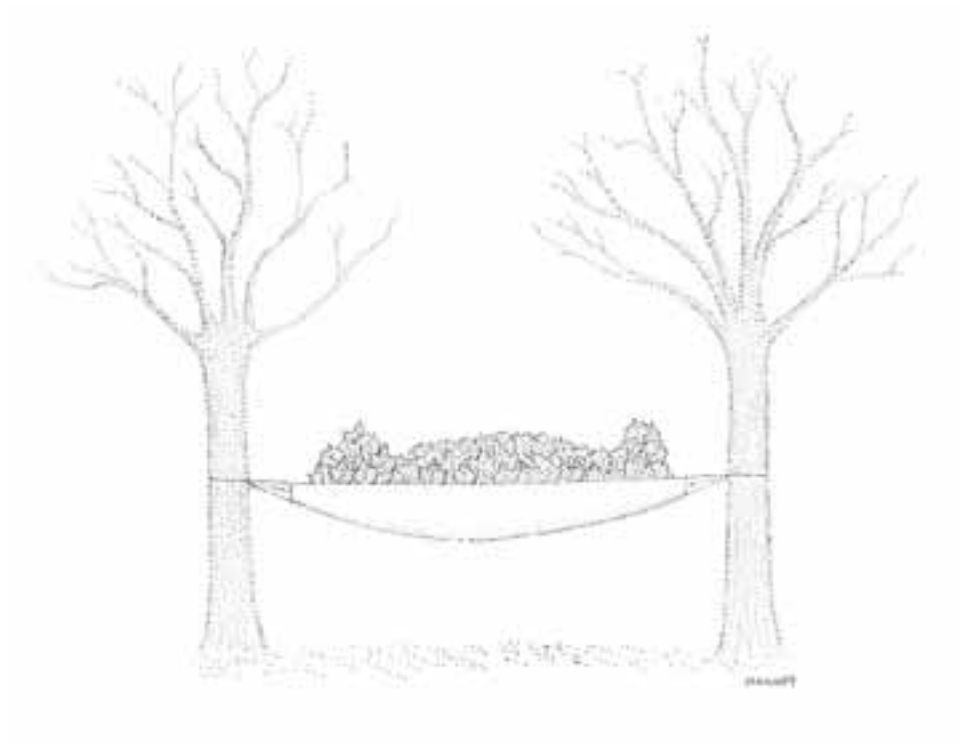
"Is that you, Herbie?"



*"I'm terribly sorry, Mrs. Crumett, but all at once I've
had it up to here with psychiatry."*



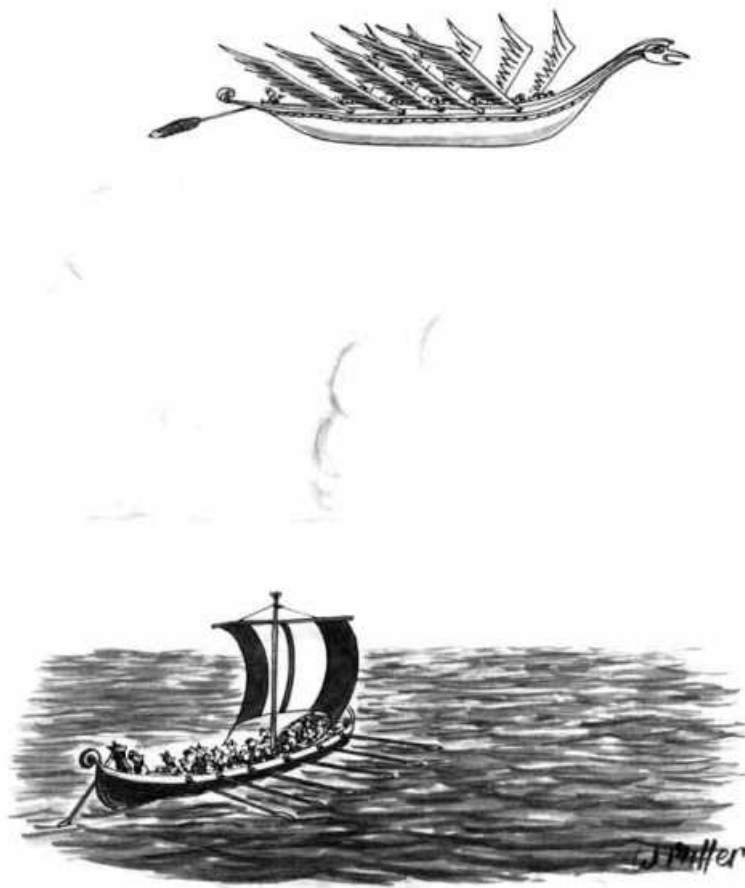
*"Do you know a Jake Hollis? He says he met you on
the beach at Amagansett."*





“Now, now, Mr. Trombley, you know you don’t have access!”



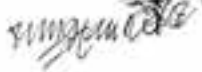








Points of View



"I got what I wanted, but it wasn't what I expected."



"It's Susan Stamberg, at National Public Radio. She wants to know if you want to defend yourself on the airwaves tomorrow."



"I don't know what I'm going to be when I grow up. Probably just a watered-down version of what I am now."

1978







*"For God's sake, Jeannie! When I said man could not live
by bread alone, I didn't mean your bread!"*





"Now, see here!"





*"If you've come to borrow, Mr. Sanders, I'm afraid
you've come to the wrong place."*

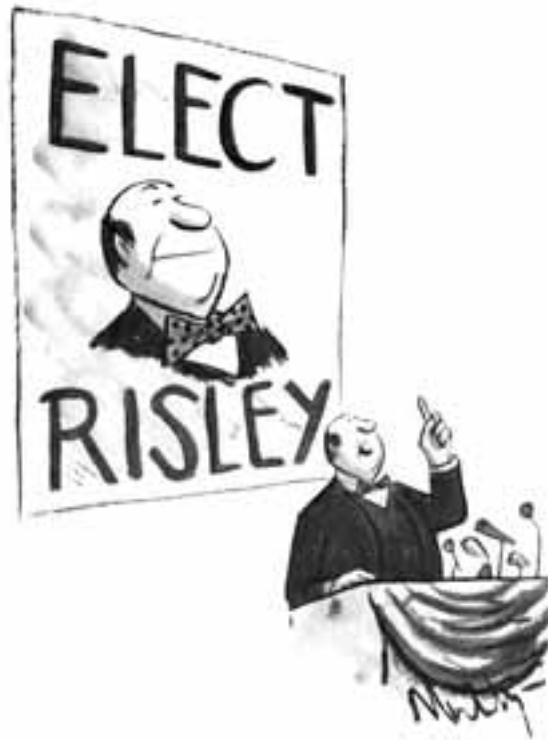




*“Mr. Blaine is on the way. He’s jogging over from
Sixty-ninth and Fifth.”*



*"It's a real shame that once Tut's buried nobody
will ever see this stuff again."*



*“You will find that I am sympathetic to the plight
of the farmer, the consumer, the small businessman,
corporations, tenants, landlords, minorities,
endangered species . . .”*







“Well, when you do come up with a parting shot, I’ll be in the den.”

TO FEED MY BROTHER: FOUR NAVAJO CORN ORIGIN MYTHS (I OF 4)



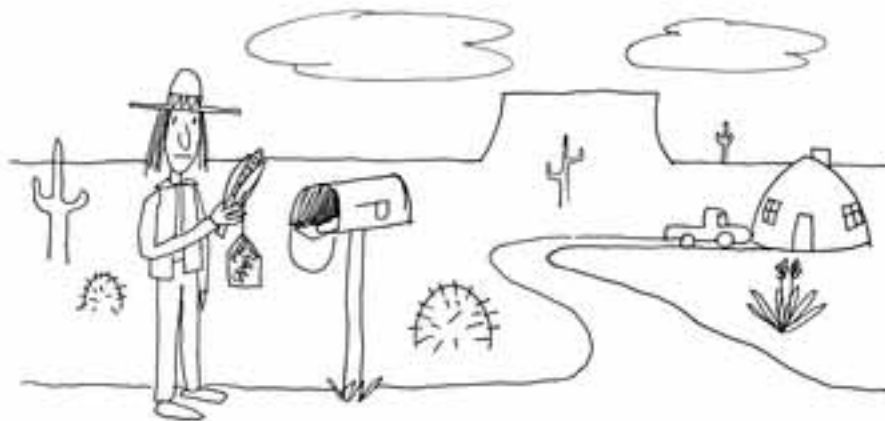
Chief Andrew Real Bird discovers corn at the Grand Union.

TO FEED MY BROTHER: FOUR NAVAJO CORN ORIGIN MYTHS (2 OF 4)



A Navajo gets some corn from a guy.

TO FEED MY BROTHER: FOUR NAVAJO CORN ORIGIN MYTHS (3 OF 4)

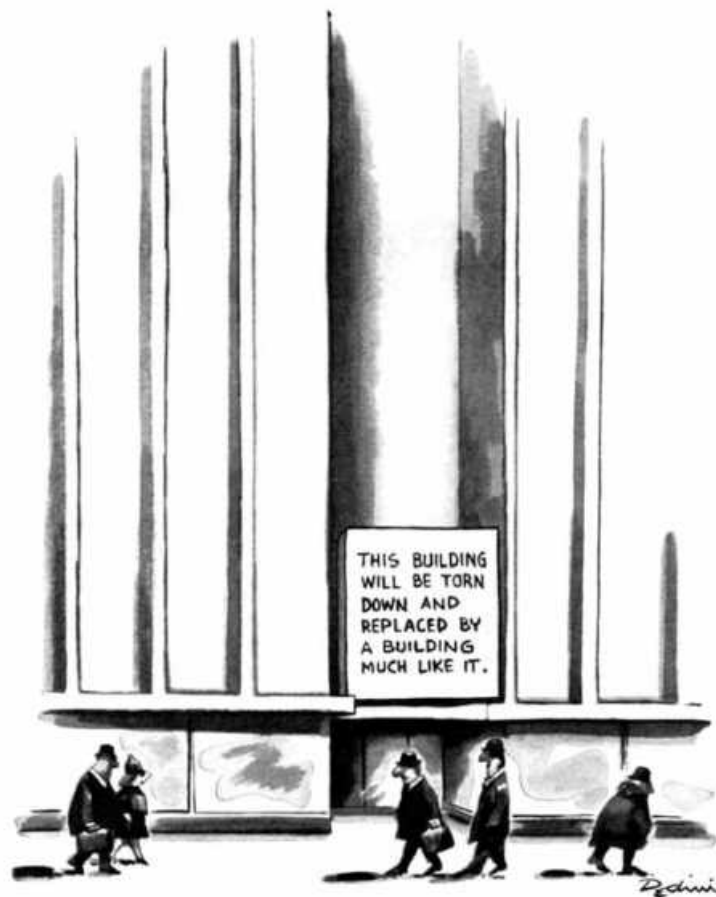


*John He Throws Them in the Water receives a free sample
of corn in the mail.*

TO FEED MY BROTHER: FOUR NAVAJO CORN ORIGIN MYTHS (4 OF 4)



Isaac Six Ponies meets corn at a mixer.





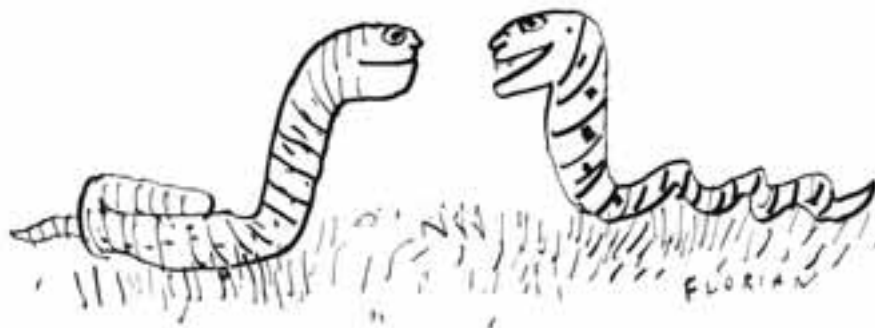
*"I think you're in luck. Every day from two to three,
he lets his heart rule his head."*



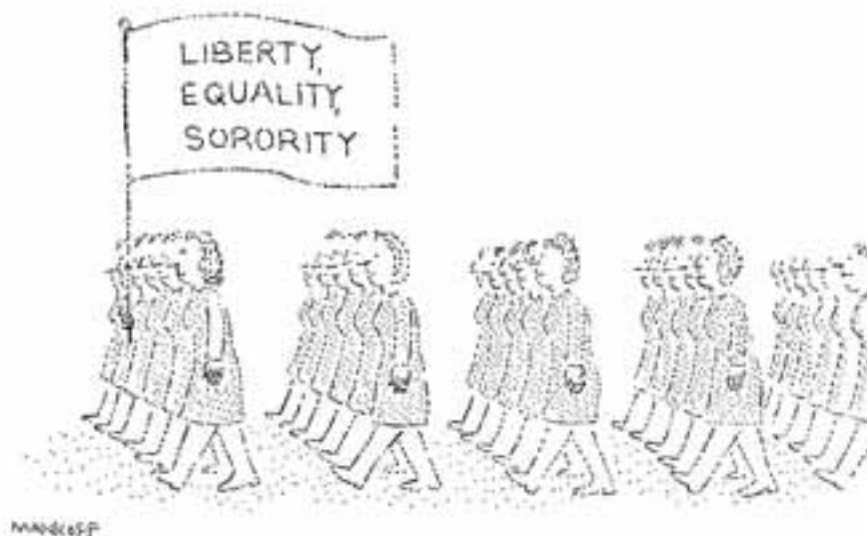
"It was three years ago today that Clovis went out West for the big chili cook-off and was never heard from again."



"Here at the Spa, we promise you'll lose weight, but the F.T.C. won't permit us to guarantee you a sense of totality and oneness."



"I stand corrected."





"I'm sorry Spencer wasn't funny tonight."





"No more Oktoberfests."



"I've been informed that if in the course of the debate Mr. Bates has nothing nice to say he will say nothing at all."

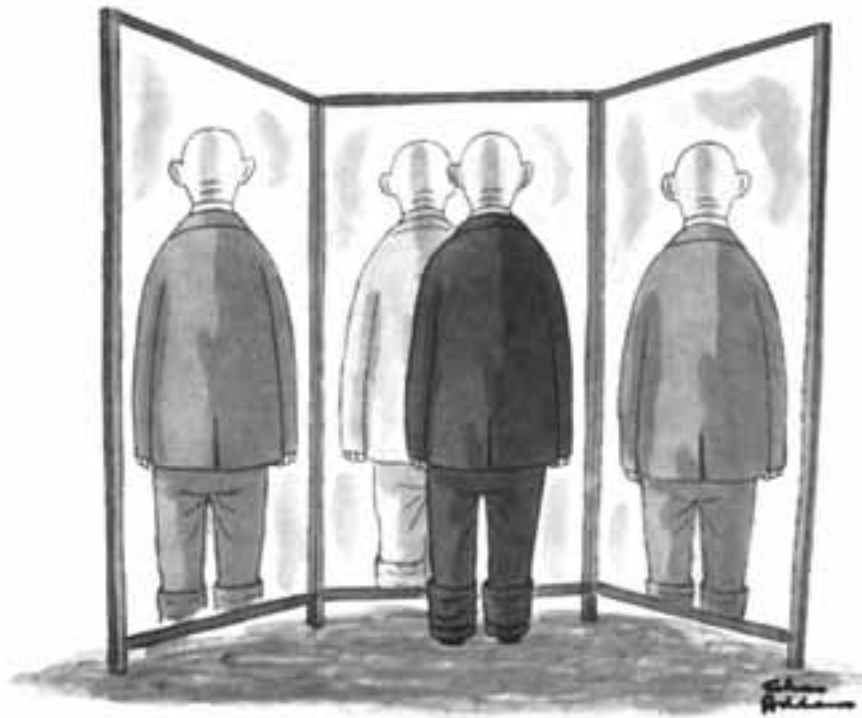


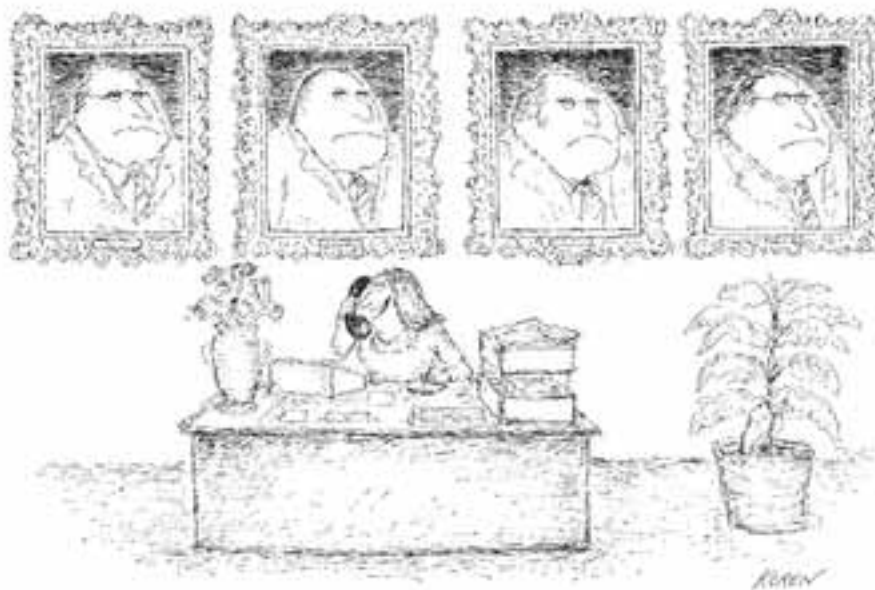
*"It's his fortieth birthday. I'm looking
for something natural."*





"I'm late, you're angry—we quarrel."





"Good morning. Kirk, Kirk, Kirk & Kirk."





"I told him I want off the Sudsie account. My gift requires a rest."





“What were you expecting, Donald—Studio 54?”

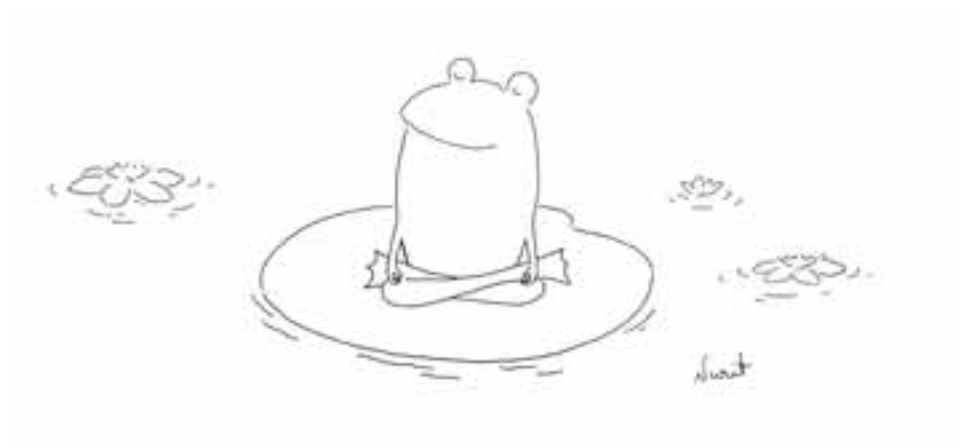


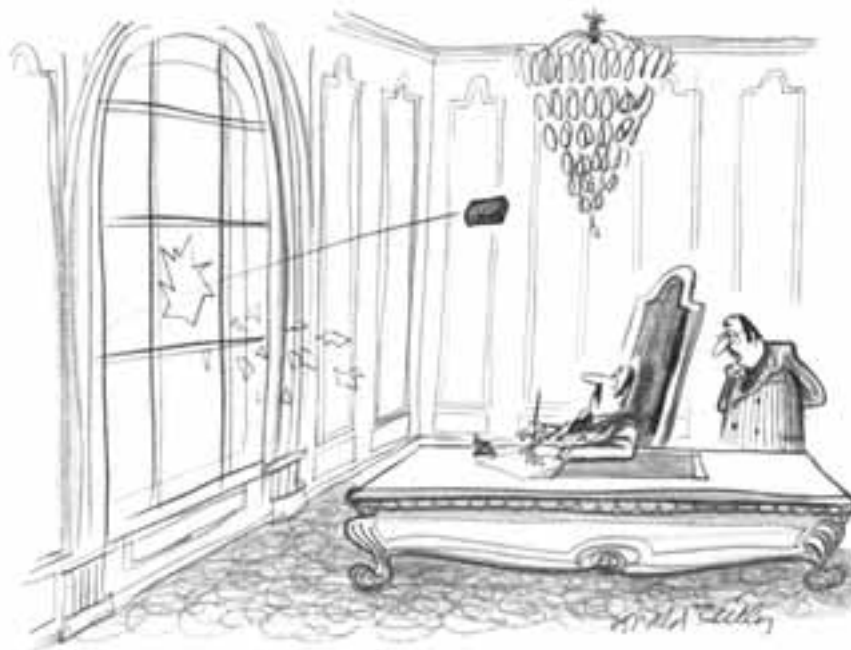


“Oh, you—you’re always opposed to something in principle.”



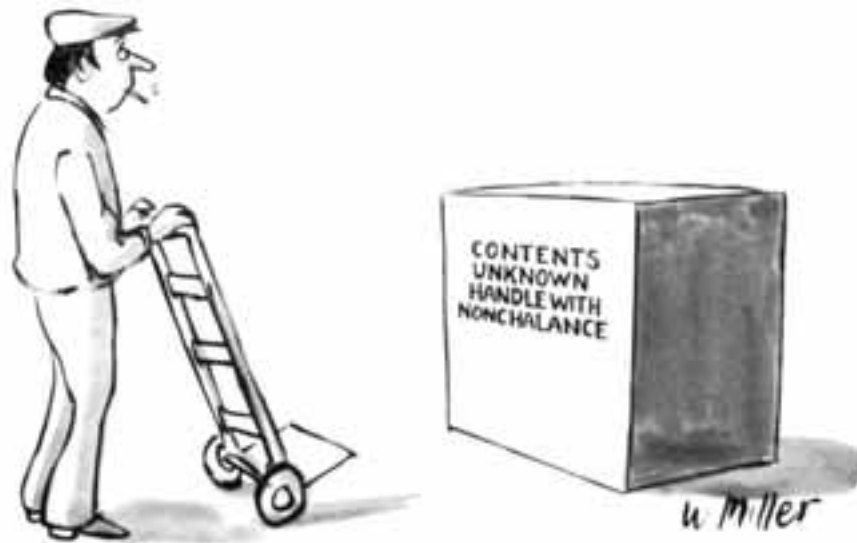
"You most certainly will not pick him up!"





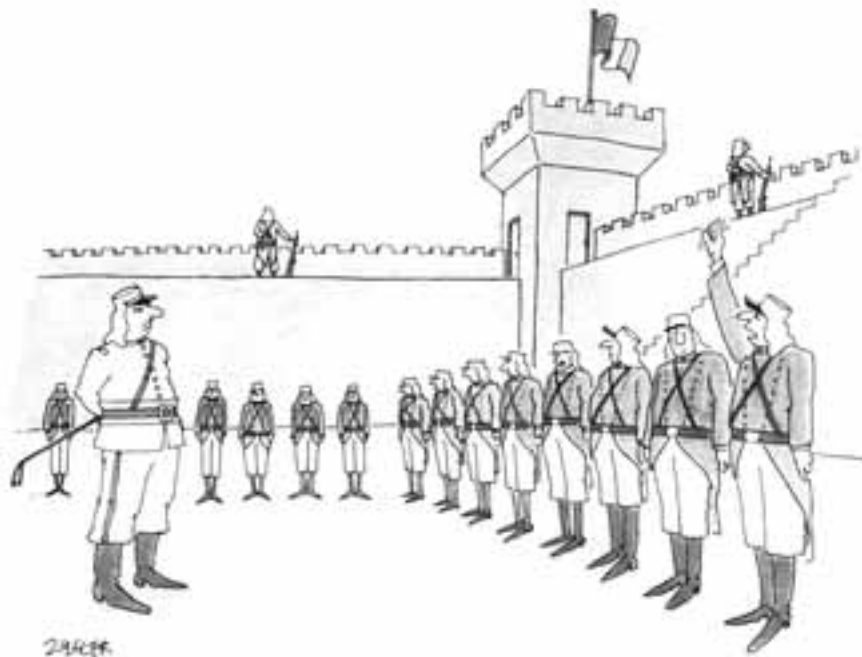
“Why don’t you try issuing a clarification?”







*"Lord knows I've done everything I could to provide
you with a non-threatening environment."*



“Might I point out, Sergeant Drago, that we had a Hawaiian Luau just last year, whereas it’s been three years since we’ve had a Las Vegas Nite?”



Old-Timers



"I'll be right back. I'm going to telephone for the correct time."



"Your hiatus is over."



"We located the hissing noise, Mr. Watkins. Your wife's mother is in the back seat."





“Pemberton is showing you his fun side, which very few people even know exists.”

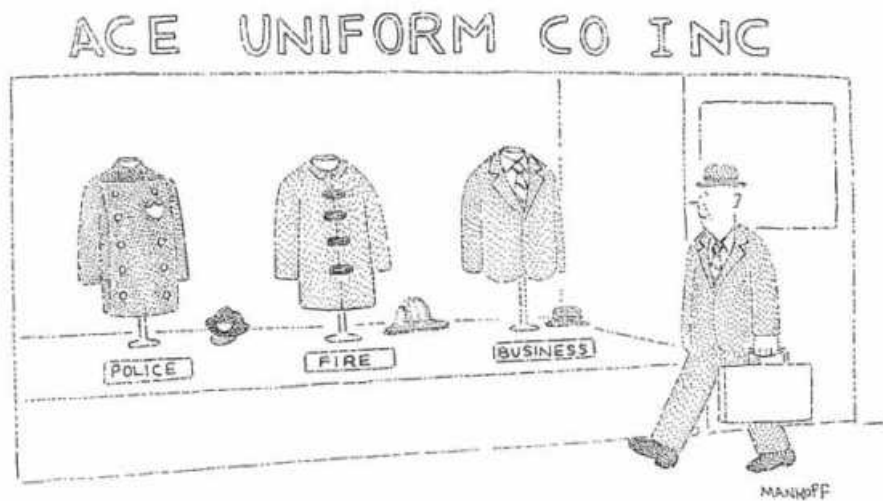




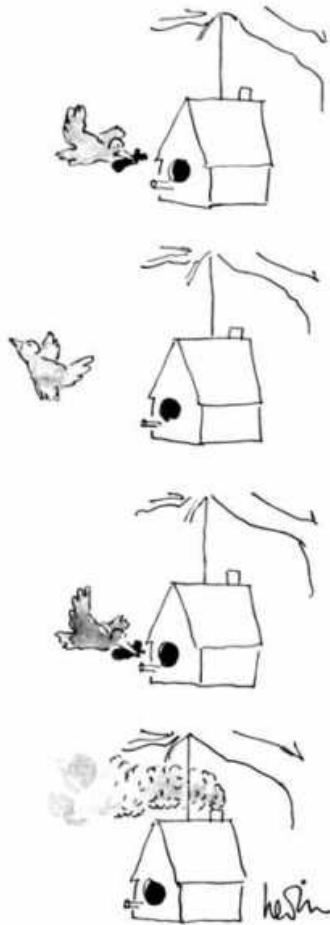
"And now, with a late-breaking gag, here's Bob."



“Ooh-aiy-eee-argh-ow-yow-ooo . . .”









"Damn it, you guys are simply not living up to the printout!"



"It's five o'clock, Bertram. Time to head for home."







"I used to be hot, but now I'm not."





“The stock market opened at eight twenty-eight today, dropped to zero in early-morning profit-taking, but rallied in the afternoon to close at eight forty—up twelve points.”





"We've redone the entire living room in Nelson Rockefeller."



"In brief, 'Harrumph!'"



“Madam, I assure you, it is not raining!”



“Well, for your information, I happen to love nature.”



*"I just wish someone had had the common courtesy
to let me know when I was in my prime."*







"Betty Donegan is reading a book that suggests life evolved in interstellar space and was randomly distributed through the universe by host spores."



“Case in point.”





"Your mom's a very special person."



“It’s the economist Myron Gottfreed and his small but influential coterie of admirers in the financial community.”



*"Goodbye, Edna. I've decided to drop out of
the picture for a while."*



*“Half a loaf may be better than none, Armbruster, but
it’s not as good as five loaves and two fishes.”*



Barsotti

"I blame government, labor, business, and my ex-wife."



"Just try to go easy on the litmus-paper questions, O.K.?"



"It's supposed to taste mediciney. It's medicine."



“Well, there’s got to be more in my life than cautious optimism.”



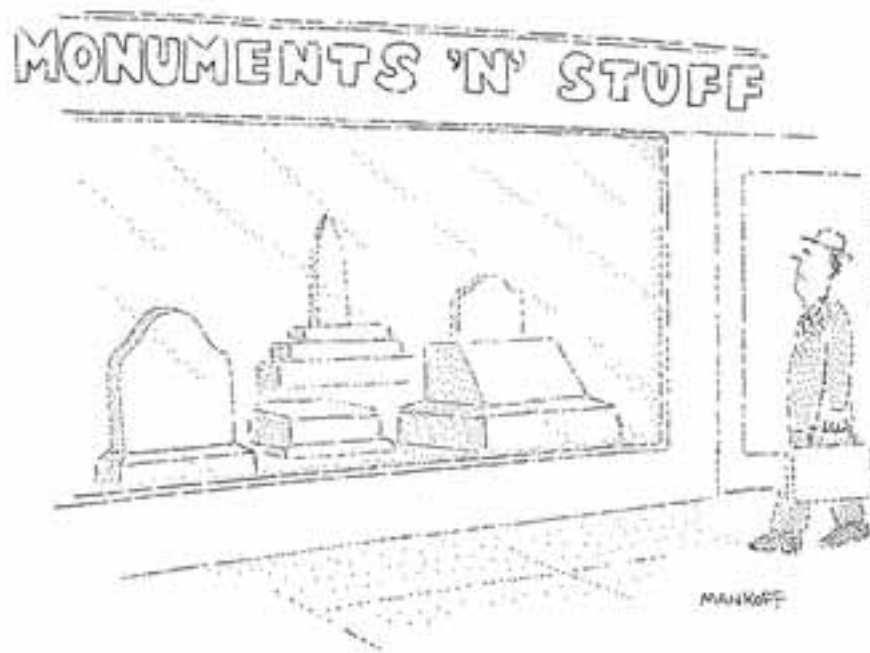
Mother and Child





"Throw in a few facts this time, just to keep 'em guessing."



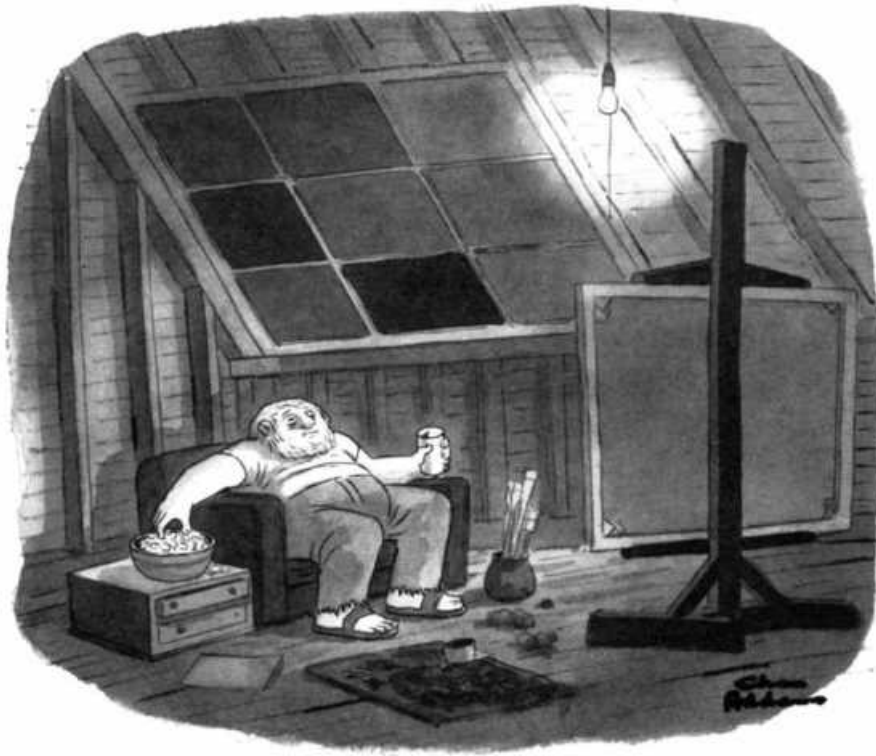


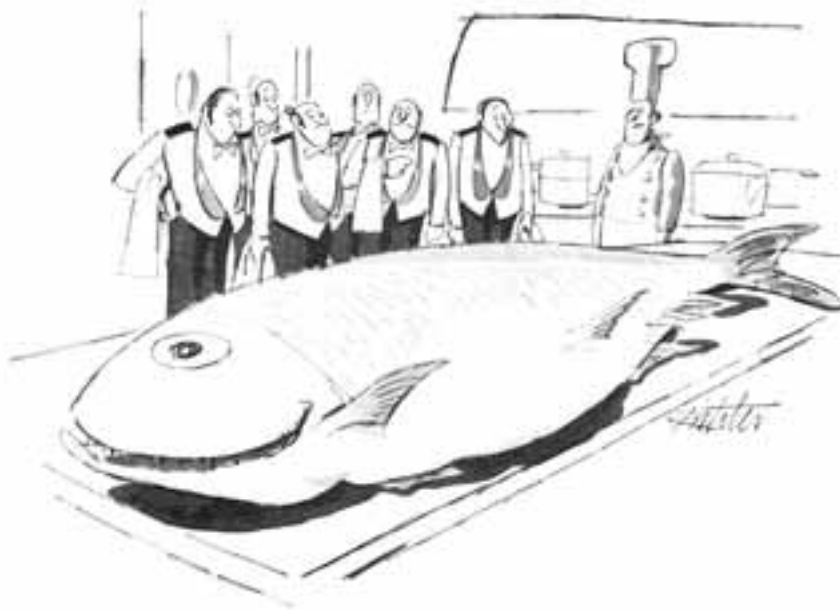


*"Biggers, two more Luau Sizzlers for Annie and me
and another Fog Cutter for Mrs. Grindstaff."*



"Did I hear someone say fourteen per cent?"





"Push the Scotch salmon with dill sauce."



"It cost me a lifetime of mediocrity, plus three hundred thou."



*“In a concerted effort to get home for the holidays,
we find the defendant guilty, as charged.”*





"I think our problem is you're talking apples and I'm talking oranges."



"Do you need anything from Toledo, dear?"





*"Under the river and through the tube to
Grandmother's house we go."*



"Surprise!"



*"Damn it, sir, don't you hear me insulting you?
Are you on tranquillizers or something?"*



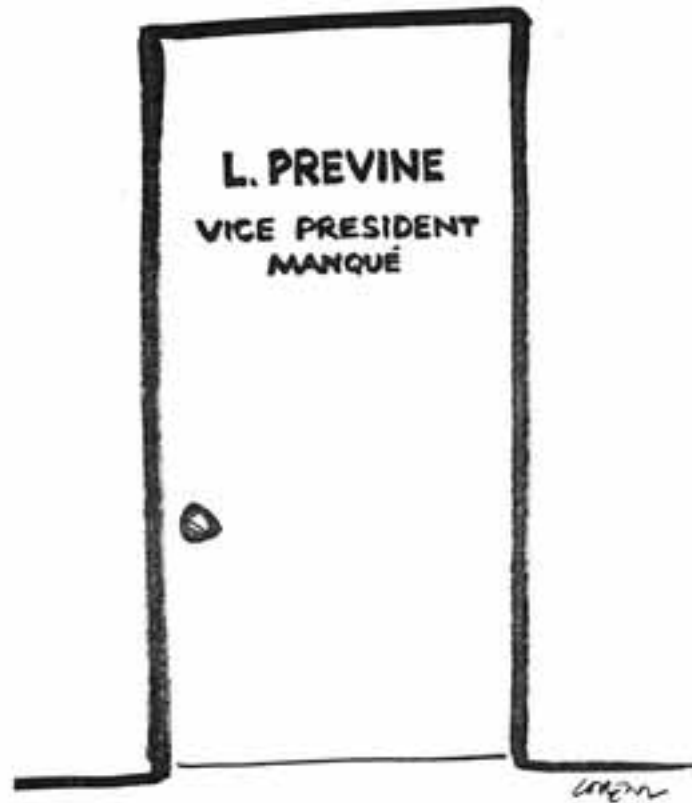
“Well, I don’t think you should wear jeans to work!”



“Kravitz, what the blazes are you doing under ‘L’?”



"That's our son, Arnie. He's a survivor of the sixties."





"Thanks. Your bird is very nice, too."



*"Well, that was pleasant. And now back to the world
of accounts payable and sensible shoes."*



“Cosgrove, I just bought that damn building, right? So you’d think I’d be happy, right? Well, I’m not happy. How do you figure that out?”



*“Really, Miss Carlin, you don’t have to say
‘Pardon me’ every time you pass.”*



"It's a look I believe in."



"I'll be sitting to Ed's right; Jeff, you'll sit directly across from him; and, Lois, you'll be to his left."



“He’s in the laser-spectroscopy program at Yale, but he says he still misses the commune lectures and Mom’s noodles.”





"Sorry, sir, but there's a party of four ahead of you."



"They say touch dancing is coming back."



(Official Government Photo)

Nov. 28 (UPI)—At his office in the capital city, the world's most powerful dictator greets the world's funniest standup comic.



"I'm leaving you, Howard. I've followed you from the West Village to the East Village to SoHo to NoHo to BeloHo—but Hoboken is too much."



"And what did we do with our ten-thousand-year warm spell between ice ages? Nothing!"



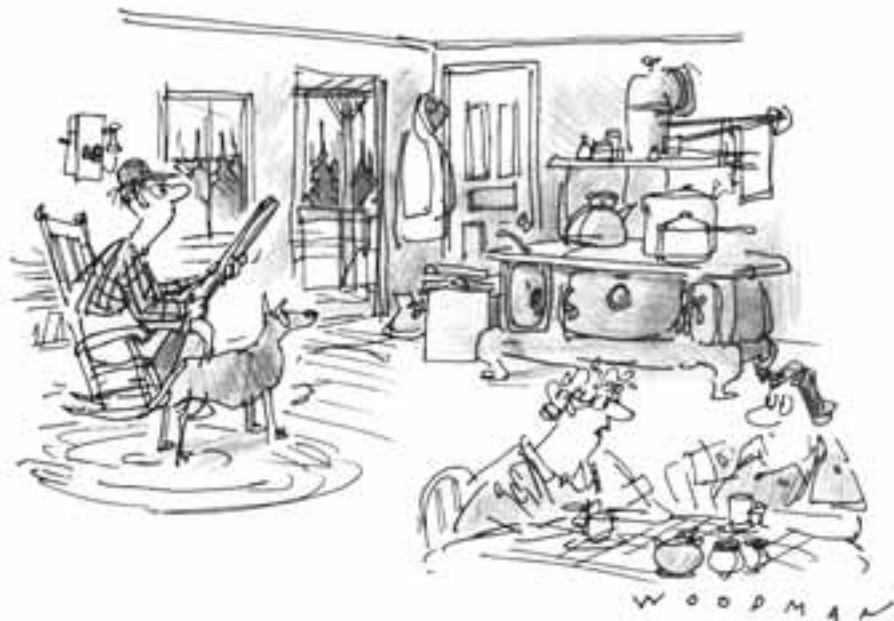


"I'm an economist, ha-ha-ha-ha."









"Moose alert."



"Sometimes I wish we were still living at the Sherry-Netherland. After all, that's where our roots are."



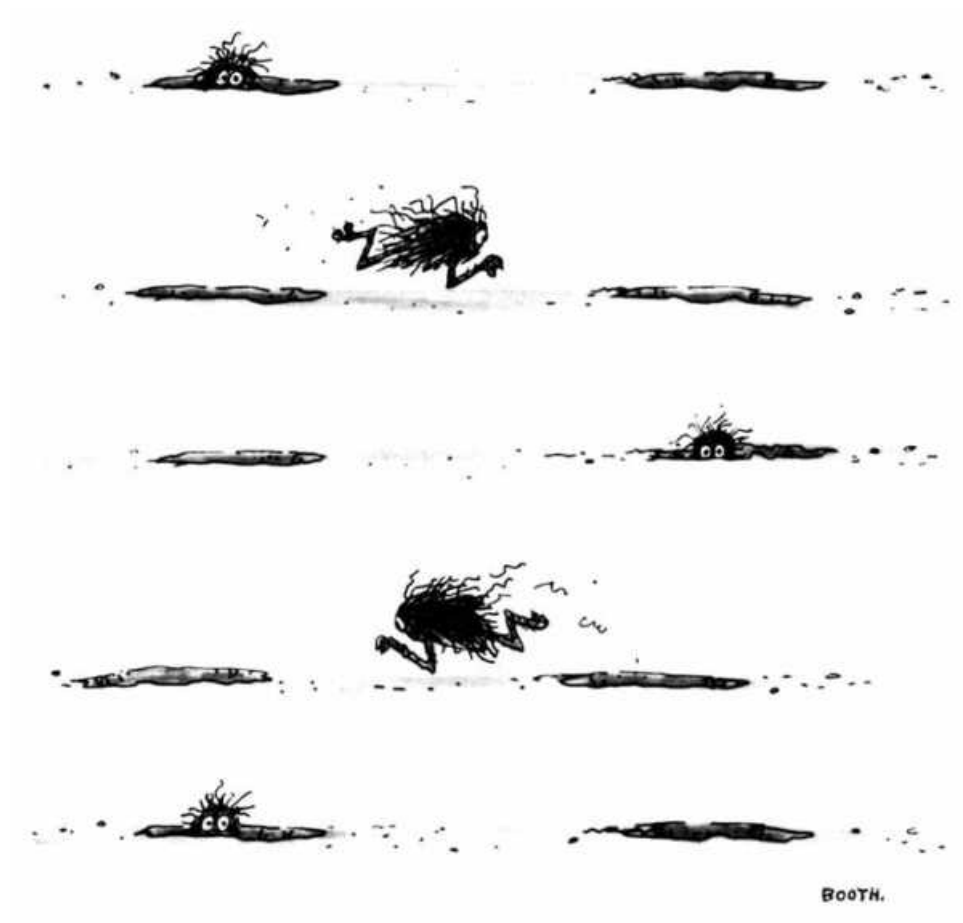


"I can't alk-tay ow-nay."





*“Man’s inhumanity to man is especially sad
when you’re the party of the second part.”*





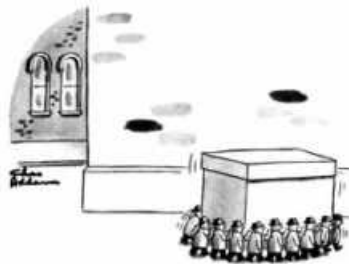
“All right—I’m ready for an update on the dollar.”



“And this, I presume, is Fluffy?”



"Hooray for Con Ed!"





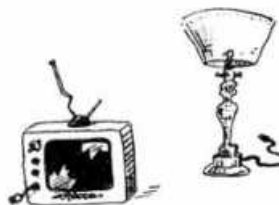
Arnie Levin (12/11/1978)



"My goodness! Is it one hundred years already?"



Bust of woman
Found near New Rochelle, N.Y.



Some Household Items,
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.



Artificial Fruit of
Syosset, L. I.



Ceremonial Garb,
Babylon, L. I.

Roz Chast



“Arthur has a genius for avoiding the hackneyed phrase, but sometimes it takes him a while to come up with an alternative.”



“Porter, I want more crying on the inside, less laughing on the outside.”



“This is a fine time to consider the long-term ecological consequences.”



"I'm looking for something with a very authoritative horn."



“What do you mean, ‘Ohhhhhhhhhhhhh’?”



“Cissy Dandridge just came back from Paris, and it’s pants, pants, pants.”



Spinster Sisters

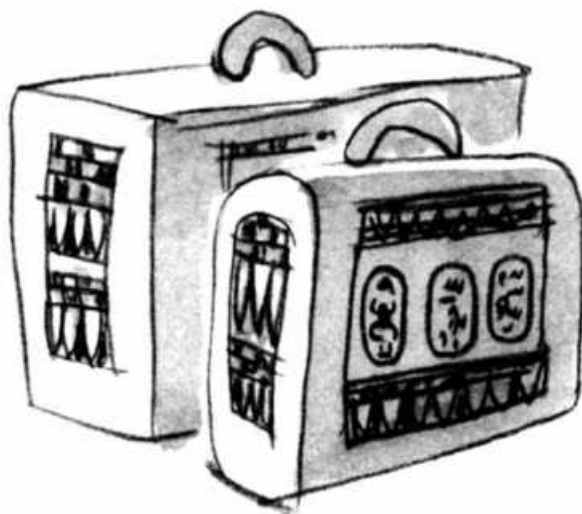


*"So what's it going to be? The same size as last year
or the same price as last year?"*



"First of all, I want to apologize for the number my generation did on your generation."

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THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP (1 OF 12)



Matching Luggage

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Cocktail Napkins

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Ski Parka and Pants

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Sneakers

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Ice Bucket

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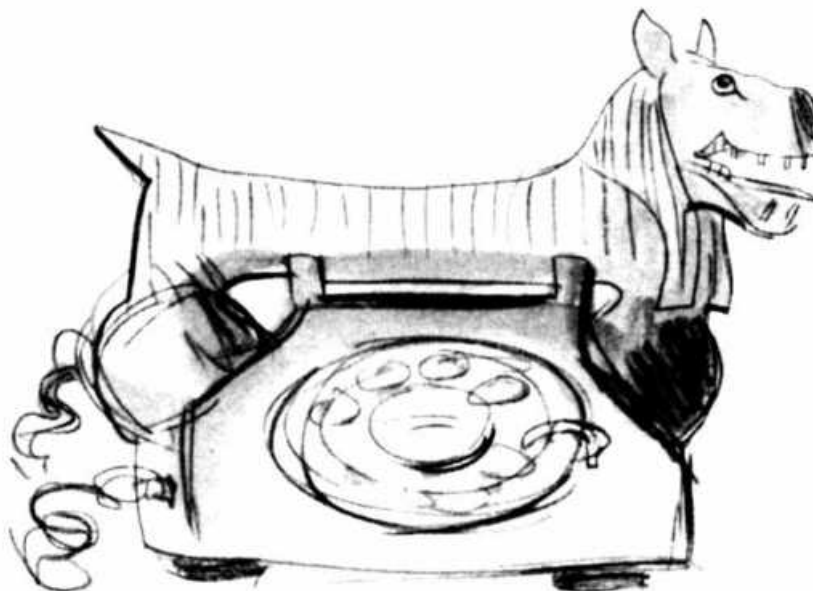
Umbrella

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TV Set

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Desk Telephone

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Mantel Clock

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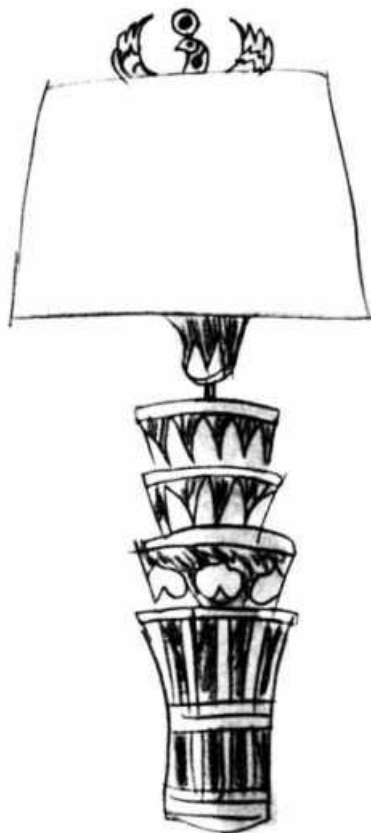


Table Lamp

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Cigarette Lighter

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Executive Paperweight



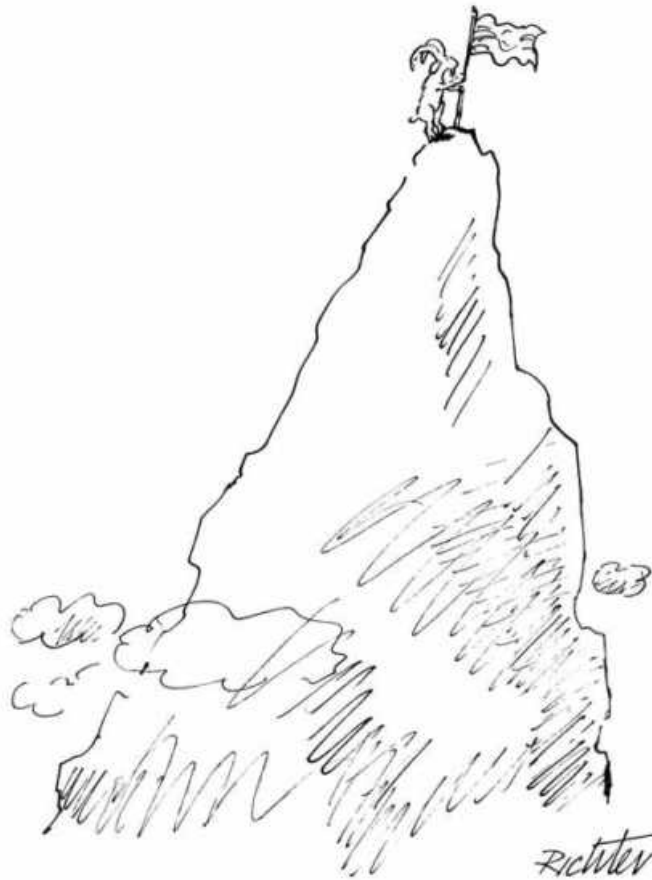
"Before the break is over, I'm going to introduce you to our first violinist, Mrs. Ritterhouse. After one has had a good long talk with Mrs. Ritterhouse, all the barnacles let loose and fall off and one sits higher in the water. Here, have another watercress sandwich."



*“Then we agree! We’re doing the best job that can be done
considering that the country’s ungovernable.”*

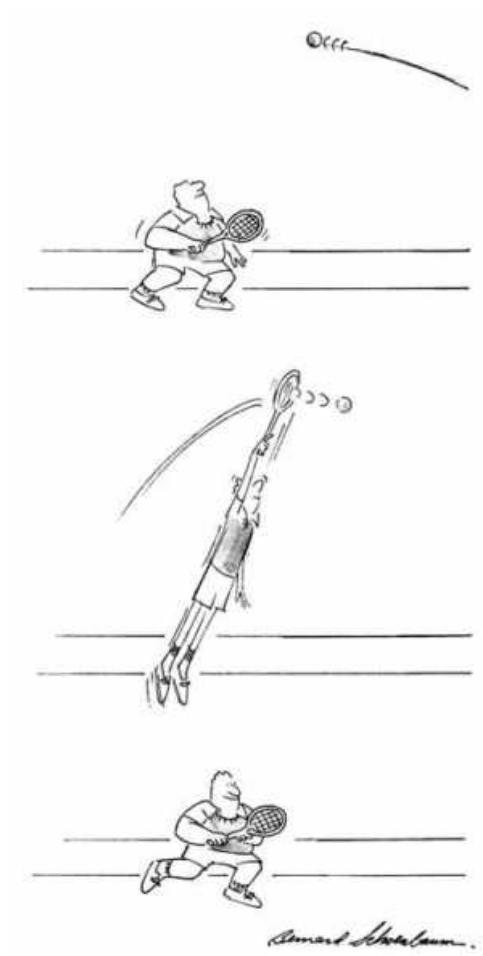


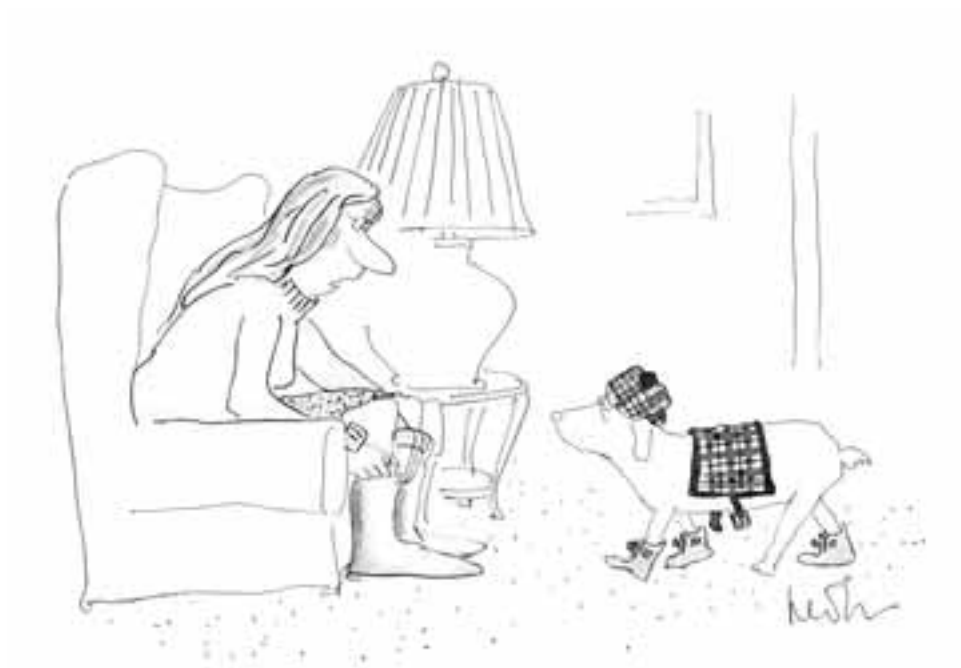
“Sanford, the city is proceeding without us.”





“Can you complete the following? ‘’Tis the season to be . . .’”





"Well, we're not going out looking like that."



NON-CALORIC EPISODE



R. Chast



*"The people in shipping are putting up wall posters
denouncing the company!"*

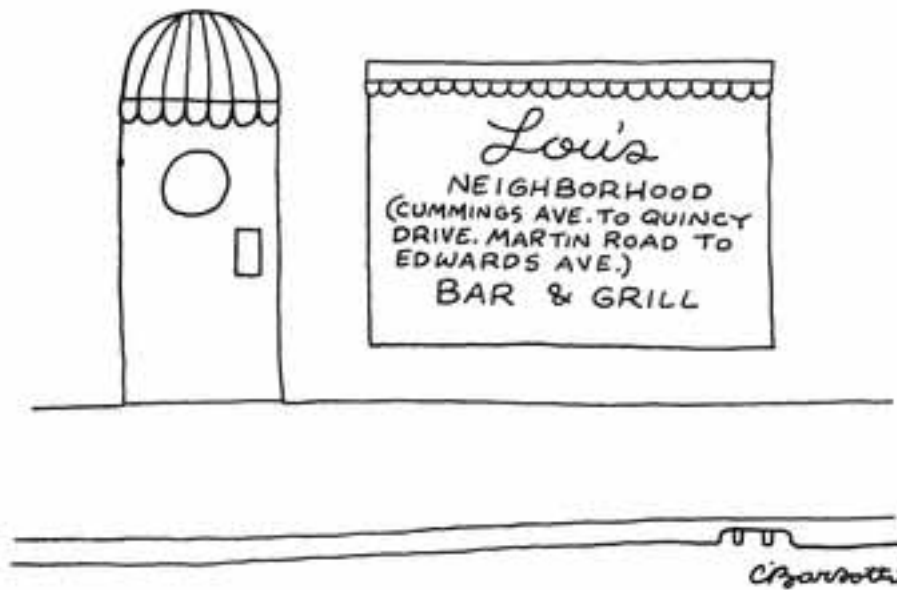


"Everybody's having spritzers."





"We knew you'd be safe, but we had no idea you'd be a plus!"



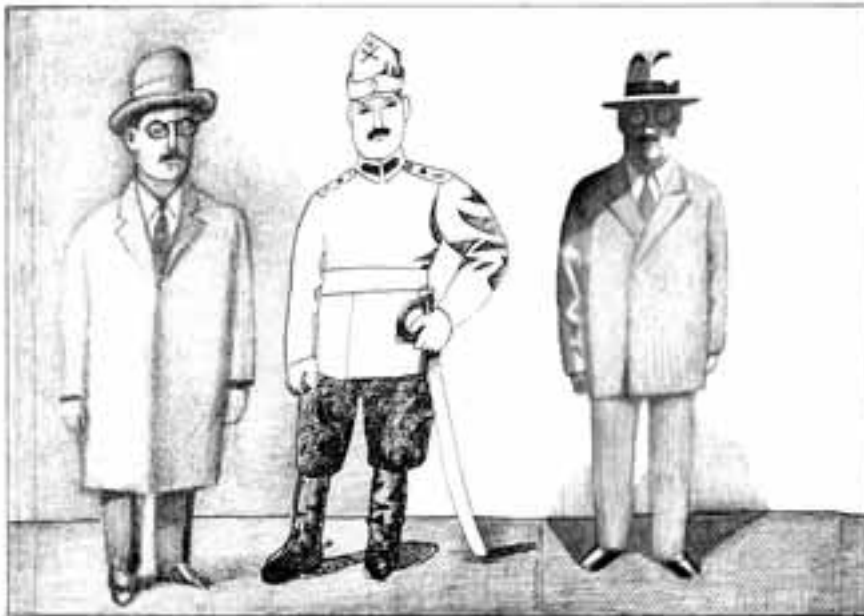


"It's not a disaster, dear. Everybody who thinks it's not a disaster say 'Aye.'"



"Carl here leapfrogged eight V.P.s at Allied."

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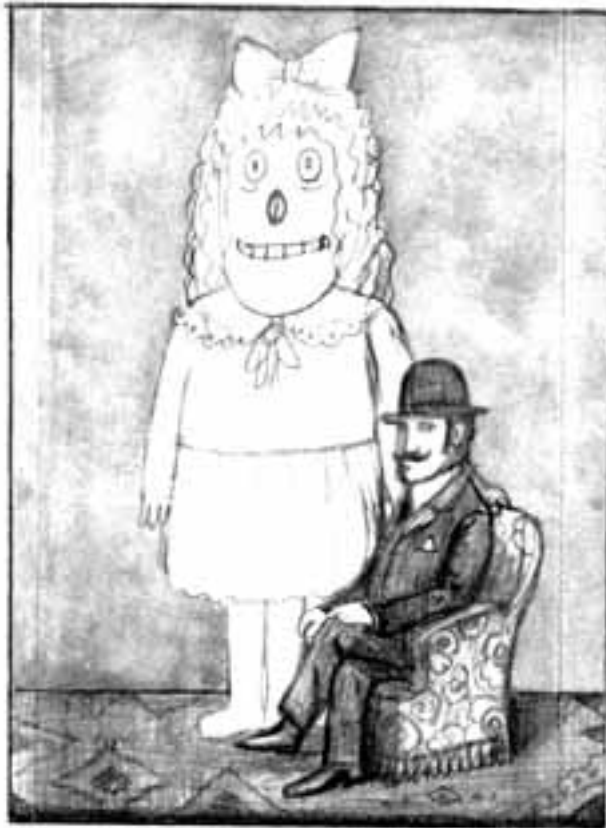
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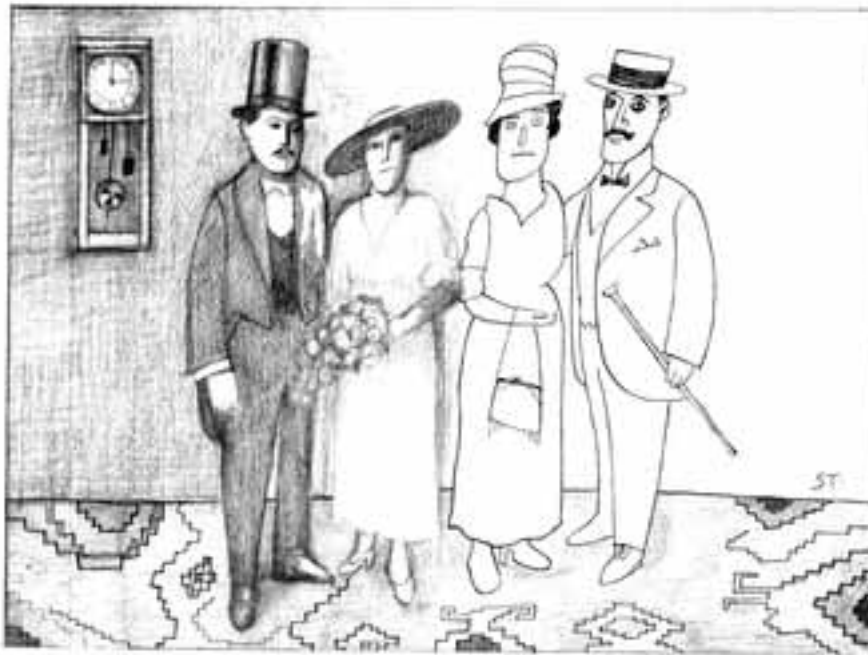
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UNCLES (4 OF 5)



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“Don’t give me that. I wasn’t born yesterday, you know.”



"It's no use, Marvin. We tried tenderness and we tried Valium and you're still impossible."



*“And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing . . .”*





"I just love people who aren't afraid of enthusiasm."



*“Oh, I see. Let me switch you over to our Mr. Hensen.
He specializes in the little guy.”*



"This is an imaginative new concept in the use of leisure time."



“Please compliment Stewart on the firewood. He chain-sawed it himself.”



*“Actually, I don’t mind a little disorder in court now
and then. It breaks the goddam monotony.”*





*“That, my son, is where they store all the minutes
of all the last meetings.”*



*"Harvey had a little talk with himself this morning,
and now everything appears to be hunky-dory."*



“Miss Haley, I am a wild and crazy guy, no?”



"Here's another one addressed to all of us."